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THE KIDNAPPING OF SANO GAKU.

With regard to the suppression of "dangerous thought" there is a very definite continuity of policy in Japan (says a writer in the *Manchester Guardian*), though in other respects there are signs of party policies. General Baron Tanaka, the late Premier, a man of imperturbable personal courage, had for years past been a prominent denouncer of "horrible ideas," and "Lion" Hamaguchi, the present Premier, whose moral courage lifts him above most of his contemporaries, lives in no less fear of the Radical thinker.

Recently the Great Earthquake was celebrated somewhat in Armistice Day fashion, and Mr. Hamaguchi made a brief address to the nation by radio. He described how six years ago everybody had been profoundly shocked by the disaster; but he went on to say, the popular mind had unfortunately lost some of its seriousness again, and the utmost care had to be taken to prevent the ill effects of subversive ideas such as were incompatible with the Japanese policy.

Hushed-up Raid.

Nor was this mere generalising. There has been no freedom of utterance on the subject since the great Communist raid, when 1,000 men were arrested in the spring of 1928. The affair had a little publicity when colourless judgments and severe sentences were pronounced from time to time; but of the autumn raid, by which it was hoped to catch those who had escaped in the spring, virtually nothing was published, and of the raid in the spring of this year nothing may be mentioned.

Every two or three months a fresh warning is circulated to the Press to keep it from forgetting that the

whole subject is taboo. All that leaks out is when (as on the formation of the new Government) the prefectural governors and chiefs of police are summoned to Tokyo and lectured by the Ministers, when they are told that subversive political theories are a grave danger against which they must be on their guard.

Save for these official warnings, the ordinary Japanese might think that there was no Radical thought to speak of; but occasionally a gleam of light penetrates the darkness. The other day Reuters' agent in Tokyo telegraphed to Shanghai that Sano Gaku, a well-known Communist, had come back to Japan from the China port and been arrested. When the newspapers arrived from Shanghai this piece of news was clipped from one of them by the *Japan Chronicle*, a piece of "lifting" which incurred the displeasure of the Home Office, who had all unsold copies seized, though the utility of such a procedure is beyond comprehension.

The Kidnapping.

In view of what had happened, one might almost suspect the Reuters' message of having been officially accepted. Sano Gaku is a distinguished man; a brother of Dr. Sano, son-in-law of the late Viscount Goto. He has spent some time in Russia, and is supposed to be the leading mind of the extremists in Japan to-day.

It was said that at the time of the raid of April, 1928, he managed to slip through the clutches of the law and get abroad; and, considering that he must have known, in spite of the silence of the Press, that things had by no means quieted down in Japan, the Reuters message stating that he had ventured back to Japan was rather surprising.

The fact is that Sano was kidnapped in Shanghai, put on board the *Shanghai-maru*, and brought as a prisoner to Japan. There are precedents for such things, of course. Only a few weeks before a Korean, prominent both in the independence movement and in sports, was taken in broad daylight on the racecourse, and also brought over to Japan, where he is "undergoing examination."

Japanese Authority.

But Japanese authority in China seems to have gone to extreme lengths on this occasion, for the Shanghai *Mail* *Shimbun* was immediately ordered by the Japanese Consul to suspend publication for fifteen days, its offence being that it had given publicity to the fact of the kidnapping of Sano.

How far extra-territorial rights work both ways has never been accurately determined. Where foreign Governments maintain the right to try their own subjects they presumably have the right to arrest them, and the question whether there is any distinction to be observed between criminal and political charges is one that does not appear to have been argued out in such cases.

The suspension of the newspaper, however, is an indication of the wide authority that Japanese consulates claim over Japanese subjects.

Under Arrest.

What is happening in Japan nobody knows. Communists are under arrest; but not a word is ever published about them. Judging from official pronouncements, the authorities are determined, notwithstanding failure hitherto, to continue the policy of strict extermination.

There is some excitement at the moment over a report that one or two members of the crew of a Japanese ship that was in Vladivostok early in August attended the Pan-Pacific Labour Conference. Some Australian delegates to that conference were turned back from a Japanese port and compelled to return to China, though they had transit visas all in order.

Although "thought" is supposed to be free in universities, every Radical professor has been driven out, and the universities are no more free than the primary schools, while there is an elaborate espionage system within every seat of learning.

As for imported "thought," importers of books and even passengers by steamer must furnish lists of names and authors of their imports. It is not surprising that in spite of the dangers attendant on political research interest grows.

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Diary of Coming Events.

**To-day,
(December 19.)**

H.K. University Amateur Photographic Club Exhibition, 9 a.m.
H.K. Art Club Annual Exhibition, Mercantile Bank Building, 10 a.m.
Victoria British School, Annual prize giving, 10.30 a.m.
Kowloon Junior School, annual prize giving, 11 a.m.
Legislative Council Meeting 2 p.m.
Philharmonic Society presents "The Geisha" Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Broadway Melody."
World Theatre: "The Terror."
Star Theatre: "Fortune Hunter."
R.A.F. Officer's dance, Peninsula Hotel.
Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.
Tides: High, 1.04 p.m. and 10.58 p.m.; Low, 8.54 a.m. and 5.15 p.m.
European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Angers), 9.30 p.m.
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**Friday,
(December 20.)**

H.K. University Amateur Photographic Club Exhibition, 9 a.m.
Christian Fellowship Meeting, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.
H.K. Art Club Annual Exhibition, Mercantile Bank Building, 10 a.m.
Property Auction (38, Reclamation St.) Lammerts, 3 p.m.
Unveiling of portrait of late Dr. (Mrs.) A. D. Hickling, Tsan Yuk Hospital, 3 p.m.
Constituent Meeting of H.K. Flying Club, City Hall, 4 p.m.
Canon Streeter Conducts Conference for Ministers of Religion and Educationalists, Cathedral Hall, 4 p.m.—8.30 p.m.
Peak School, annual prize giving Peak Club, 5.15 p.m.
Philharmonic Society presents "The Geisha" Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.
Warwick Revue Company: "High Lights," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Broadway Melody."
World Theatre: "The Terror."
Star Theatre: "Fortune Hunter."
R.A.F. Carnival dance, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club, Christmas Social, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 8.45 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Peninsula Hotel and Hong Kong Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Tides: High, 2.05 p.m. and 11.34 p.m.; Low, 8.48 a.m. and 5.01 p.m.

**Saturday,
(December 21.)**

China Light and Power Co., Ltd., 11th ordinary general meeting St. George's Building, 11.30 a.m.
Cricket.—League, Div. I: I.R.C. v. Royal Navy, Div. I: Police v. R.A.S.C. Friendlies, Div. I: K.C.C. v. University, Civil Service v. Army, H.K.C.C.—Over 30 v. Under 30, Div. II: K.B.S.F.P.A. v. I.R.C., University v. Kowloon, R.A.O.C. v. Craigengower.
Boy Scouts Association, Concert and Display, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Warwick Revue Company: "The Whirligig," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Broadway Melody."
World Theatre: "The Terror."
Star Theatre: "Fortune Hunter."
R.E. Dance: Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.
Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.
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AROUND THE SCHOOLS

By "EX-COLLEGIAN."

At long last results of the University examinations are out, and there will be nothing else to talk of for the next few days. The list is unusually long this year, and in spite of the complaints which I have heard of the papers being exceptionally hard, most of the candidates appear to have done well.

The junior local results, I understand, will not be out for another week or so, as there are far more students taking the junior examination than the senior, and consequently the checking of these papers will take longer.

Teachers generally are now occupied with the work of figuring-out prize and scholarship winners, as promotions will have to be carried out by January 1, when the new term begins.

Christmas Holidays.

In several of the big schools the students will be breaking-up for the Christmas and New Year Holidays, and preparations are no doubt being made for excursions and picnics. The Government Schools are not breaking up just yet, as their winter vacation runs over the Chinese New Year Holidays. As the next appearance of this column will be after the New Year, I take this opportunity of wishing all my readers a happy time during the festive season, and the best of luck in the coming year.

Great Volley-Ballers.

The Volley Ball League games between the schools have been decided, and in the senior division St. Paul's College have won all their games, thereby topping the league.

The school did exceptionally well in the junior division also, tying for first place with King's College, who in the higher division were second. The play-off between St. Paul's and King's College will be held some time during next week, when the distribution of the trophies will also take place.

St. Paul's College also did well in the Small Boys' division, winning the league from nine other schools.

Central British School.

Those connected with Central British School will be pleased to hear of the successes of former pupils of the school. J. Vickers, who passed the Matriculation Examination, with honours, of the University of Hong Kong in November, 1927, and who was admitted to Liverpool University last year, has passed the Intermediate Examination (Engineering) of the latter University. He is also doing very well in sports, being hon. secretary of the University Swimming Club, and was a member of the University team in the inter-Universities team race, at Cardiff. Liverpool University secured second place. Vickers was also chosen to play in a water-polo match, Northern v. Southern Universities, and is in the 2nd XV. Rugby team.

Joyce Raven, who went to the Godolphin School, Salisbury, has passed the School Certificate Examination, University of Cambridge Local Examinations in the following subjects, viz., English, History, Geography, French (Oral and Written), Arithmetic, Botany, and Music.

Football Results.

The Central British School played a series of football matches during September to December, and the results are as follows:—

v. Band boys, S.L.I.	2-2
v. No. 2 Platoon, S.L.I.	5-2
v. D.B.S.	1-0
v. No. 2 Platoon, S.L.I.	2-3
v. D.B.S.	0-3
v. No. 2 Platoon, S.L.I.	3-1
v. St. Joseph's College Form 3	2-2
v. Band boys, S.L.I.	6-3
v. St. Joseph's College, Form 3	2-7
v. Marines, H.M.S. Connaught	2-4

St. Stephen's College.

At a test of the Life Saving Association held recently, four students of this school passed, and are now entitled to wear the badge.

The annual tennis tournaments of the school is now in full swing, and a start is being made with hockey, football and basket-ball.

The students, some twenty of them, have been taking some nice long walks since the University examinations. A favourite walk is from Stanley to Tytam over the top of Mount Parker, and back via Wong Nei Chong gap, above Repulse Bay, and down the old road.

The new dining-rooms and kitchens in the school are in use, which leaves more space for class-rooms. The dining-rooms are in the hostel, and I understand there is room for more boarders. A new ping-pong table is also being installed in the school.

King's College.

The new King's College Ambulance Division effected a succession of smart turn-outs on the last two Sundays, when they presented themselves in full equipment on parade at Sookanpoo. Their smartness in drill earned the approval of the Assistant Commissioner and other officers.

During the annual examinations all the ping-pong tables in the covered playground were idle, but now youngsters are seen grouping around them after school hours, all suffused with delight that their toilsome labour is over.

The gymnasium is a source of continuous entertainment to students in the lower classes.

The return of the warm weather recently has brought the swimming-pool into use again.

The woodwork class flourishes under the able and efficient tuition of Mr. Murphy.

St. Joseph's College.

I am obliged to a reader at St. Joseph's College for sending me the following from his school:—

The great events of the last two weeks have been the waiting for examination results, the getting of them, and the rejoicing or repining that followed. The exams of Classes 6 to 3 ended about the end of November, and the results were out for the beginning of December. The results were read out most solemnly in the Hall before the very solemn class-groups. Many were the anxious looks, many were the beating hearts, and many were the dances for joy, silently performed behind the back of the lucky boy in front; but, alas, many were called, and few were chosen—chosen to represent their old class again among the new crowd coming up from down below. Some boys had left their books in their old class, the better perhaps to enjoy the pleasure of going to get them for the last time; some had left them to avoid the trouble of taking them back again. Going to a new class and to a new class-room is always a joy in itself, let alone the dignity that such a step upwards implies. This was especially true in the case of the classes which came over from Kowloon side to join the nobility of Hong Kong: "We are Hong Kong boys now; get away, you kids!"

The Old Boys' football teams continue to do well, especially the 2nd League XI, which is slowly but surely mounting the table of points. The first loss for some time was against the K.O.S.B. Seconds; this was followed by a five to nil win against the Kowloon Seconds. The First XI beat Hong Kong Club by one goal to nil, and are looking forward to trouncing Recreio next week.

In a cricket match against a Recreio XI, the College XI managed to win by a single run. That the scoring was low on both sides is a tribute to the bowlers. A. Abbas, Captain of the College XI, did exceptionally well in taking six wickets; whereas G. Gutierrez, of Recreio, took nine of the ten College wickets. The next match against Recreio will be in January.

The Xmas holidays are in sight and the College breaks up on December 21 until January 7.

LONELY DEATH OF DANCING STAR.

PATHETIC RIDDLE OF AN OLD POEM.

A remarkable manuscript poem, neatly written in shaky, old-fashioned script, was discovered among the effects of Mrs. Eva Smith, aged seventy-nine, a music-hall dancing "star" of forty years ago, who was discovered dead of gas poisoning in her shabby two-room basement flat in New York.

Mrs. Smith, who forty years ago was familiar to playgoers under the stage name of Lula Leslie, died surrounded by reminders of happier days in the form of stage costumes and Press cuttings.

The aged widow every day for the last six years had telephoned to an undertaker to assure herself that he remembered the instructions she had given him regarding her burial. The day of her death was the first day in all these six years that she had not made her customary telephone call.

The manuscript poem, which was entitled "The Riddle," reads as follows:—

Where's an old woman to go when the years
Leave her alone with her sighs
and her tears?
Grey-haired and penniless, feeble
and slow
Where's an old woman to go?

What's an old woman to do when her kin
Fail to remember that hands,
warm and thin
Cared for them elated for them
all these years through—
What's an old woman to do?

What's an old woman's reward for a life
Given to others as mother and wife
Leaving her faltering, furrowed
and scorned—
What's an old woman's reward?

A cloth bag tied round Mrs. Smith's neck was found to contain \$144 in currency. The jewellery found on her person was valued at between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

LAW OF EVIDENCE.

BELIEF IN DIVINE PUNISHMENT.

A law of 1777, peculiar to North Carolina and a few other States, which requires that a witness in a legal trial shall be a believer in Divine punishment after death, was brought into play last month in the trial at Charlotte of the strikers charged with the murder of the chief of police at Gastonia. A young Methodist preacher, acting for the prosecution, was allowed to spend two hours exhaustively examining the religious views of Mrs. Miller, a 20-year-old Communist school teacher, wife of one of the defendants.

This law has seldom been used, and Mr. John R. Neal, counsel for the defence, who was prominent in the "evolution trial" at Dayton, Tennessee, protected against its revival in the present case, on the ground that the trial was becoming a "political and religious heresy hunt."

The witness had taken her oath on the Bible in a previous habeas corpus hearing, but she said in cross-examination that she considered the oath neither more nor less binding because it was taken on the Bible; she considered any oath binding. Counsel then asked, Do you believe in the existence of a Supreme Being who controls the destiny of men and rewards their virtues or punishes their transgressions here or hereafter? Mrs. Miller:—No; I believe that man controls his own destiny. Counsel.—And he is a law unto himself separate and apart from any Supreme Being? The witness.—No man can be a law unto himself; he lives in society.

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She: "Oh, dear, I forgot my gloves in the restaurant."
He: "My word, and I only tipped the waiter ten cents!"

"Have you read any good books lately?"
"No. I haven't had time for it. You see, I'm a book reviewer."

Singer: "And for Bonnie Annie Laurie I'd lay me down and die."
Listener (rising): "Is Miss Laurie in the audience, please?"

Host (grandy): "Yes, there's no doubt that the radio has come to stay. What is it, Hortense?"
Hortense: "It's the collector, sir. He says if you don't pay up your instalments he'll have to take your radio back."

Newly Rich Tourist: "Well, I gotta hand it to you for one thing—you've got us beat on fancy movie houses."
Native Guide: "Oh, M'sieu, that is no cinema; that is the Rheims cathedral."

Architect: "And how many windows do you want in your den?"
Mr. Meek: "I must have at least four."

Architect: "But why so many for a den?"
Mr. Meek: "Well, my wife likes to have plenty of light for her sewing."

Circus Manager: "What's wrong now?"
India Rubber Man: "Every time the Strong Man writes a letter he uses me to rub out the mistakes."

Wife: "A poor woman came to-day to ask for old clothes."
Husband: "What did you give her?"

Wife: "That old suit you have had for ten years and the dress I bought last month."

Scribbler: "Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you."
Scratcher: "Yes, that's the way it's been with every poem I've written so far."

A venerable Scot purchased a little radio set, and a few days later his friends asked him how he liked it.

"Well, it's a' right to listen to," he replied, "but those bulbs are nae sae guide to read by."

Mother: "Dorothy, you have disobeyed mother by racing around and making all the noise. Now, you shan't have that piece of candy."

Father (entering a few minutes later): "Why so quiet, little one?"
Dorothy: "I've been fined for speeding."

"Sedentary work," said the professor, "tends to lessen the endurance."
"In other words," interrupted the smart student, "the more one sits, the less one can stand."

"Exactly," retorted the professor, "and if one lies a great deal, one's standing is lost completely."

An enormous Irishman who had just entered the noted Guards of Frederick the Great of Prussia had been conched by the sergeant on the German answers to the three questions which the Emperor was in the habit of putting to new recruits, and always in the following order:

"How old are you? How long have you been in my service? Are you satisfied with your pay and rations?"

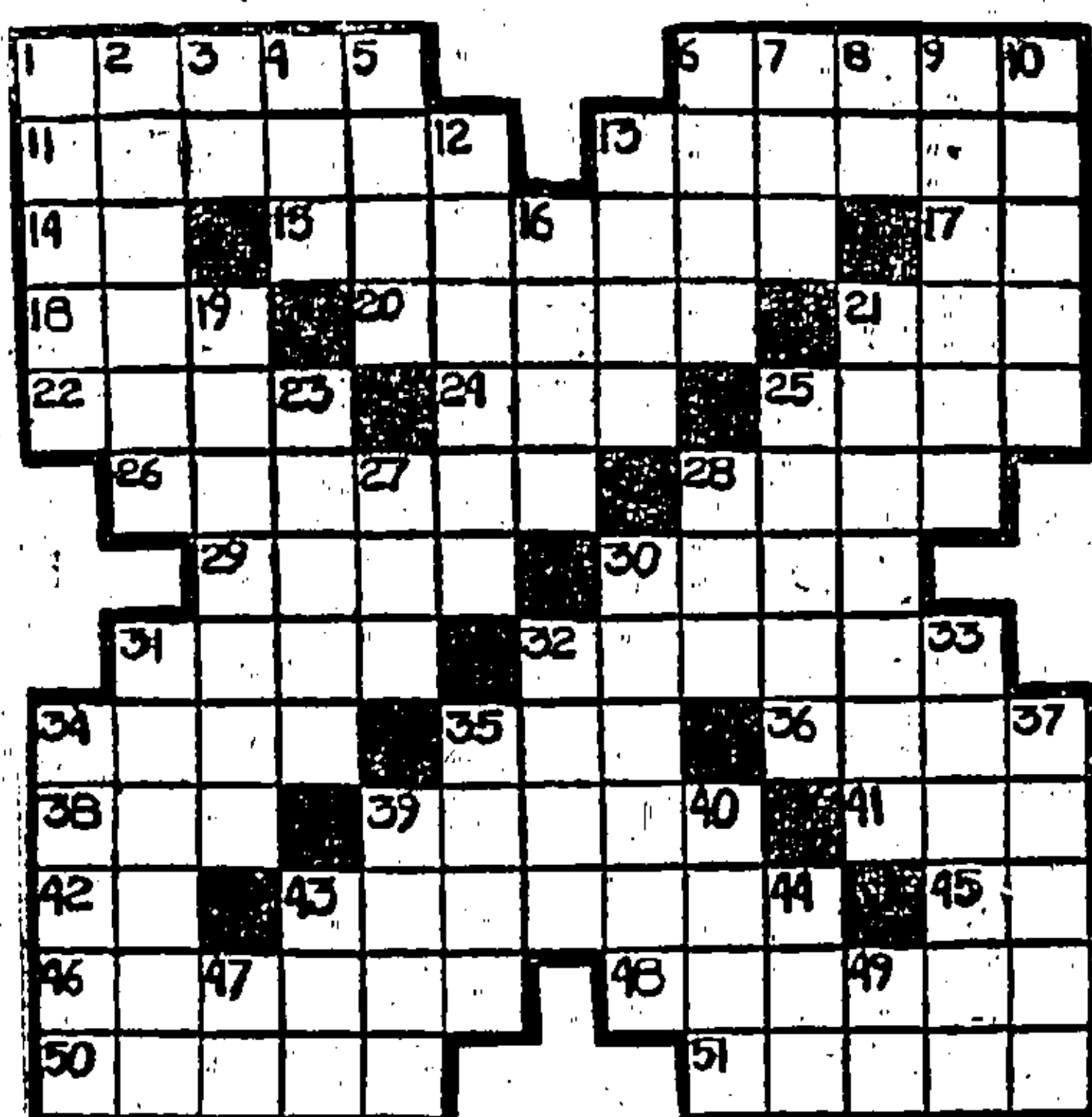
A review of his favourite Guards came off shortly, and Frederick quickly noticed the immense form of the Irishman, and, stopping before him, asked in astonishment:

"Why, how long have you been here?"
"Nineteen years," replied Pat.

"What!" exclaimed the monarch. "How old are you, then?"
"Three weeks," answered the unsuspicious recruit.

"Well," shouted the Emperor, losing his patience, "either you are mad or I am!"
"Both, Your Majesty," eagerly answered Pat.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

- 1.—Prepared for battle.
- 6.—Elementary substance.
- 11.—Wound.
- 13.—Domain of nobleman.
- 14.—Upon.
- 15.—Preceding.
- 17.—Conjunction.
- 18.—Ocean.
- 20.—Outbreaks.
- 21.—Poem.
- 22.—Urges.
- 24.—To observe.
- 25.—Greek war god.
- 26.—Wears away.
- 28.—Frees.
- 29.—Minerals.
- 30.—Female horse.
- 31.—Old musical instrument.
- 32.—Purchasing agents.
- 34.—Fish limbs.
- 35.—Very warm.
- 36.—Vale.
- 38.—Conjunction.
- 39.—Cry of owl (plural).
- 41.—Female deer.
- 42.—Within.
- 43.—To join.
- 45.—Father.
- 46.—Bean-like seed.
- 48.—Lifts.
- 50.—To plague.

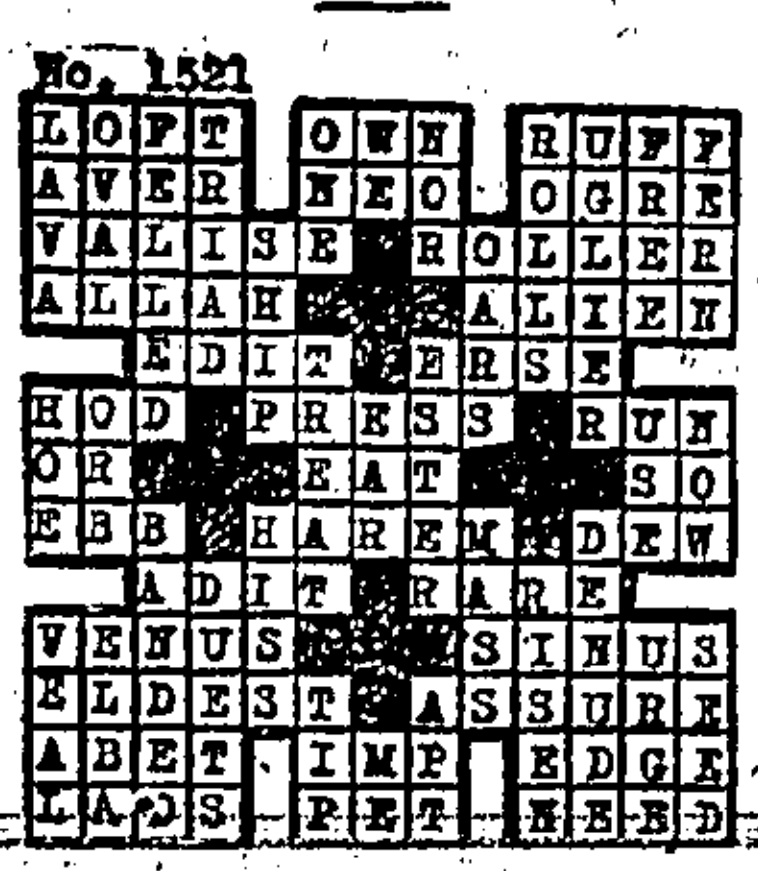
Vertical.

- 1.—Got up.
- 2.—To fail to follow suit.
- 3.—Pronoun.
- 5.—Old cloth measure.
- 7.—An animal.
- 8.—Provides with crew.
- 9.—Unit of energy.
- 10.—Toward.
- 11.—Positive termingale.
- 12.—Old harp.
- 13.—Platform.
- 14.—To seize with teeth.

- 18.—Performs.
- 19.—Stranded.
- 21.—Commanded.
- 23.—Kinds.
- 25.—Ventilated.
- 27.—Welsh river.
- 28.—Beam.
- 30.—To murmur.
- 31.—A bird.
- 32.—Blessing.
- 33.—Declines.
- 34.—Becomes insolvent.
- 35.—To sharpen.
- 37.—To rent.
- 39.—Domicile.
- 40.—Term for chasing cats.
- 43.—A mongrel.
- 44.—Bond.
- 47.—To depart.
- 49.—Symbol for samarium.

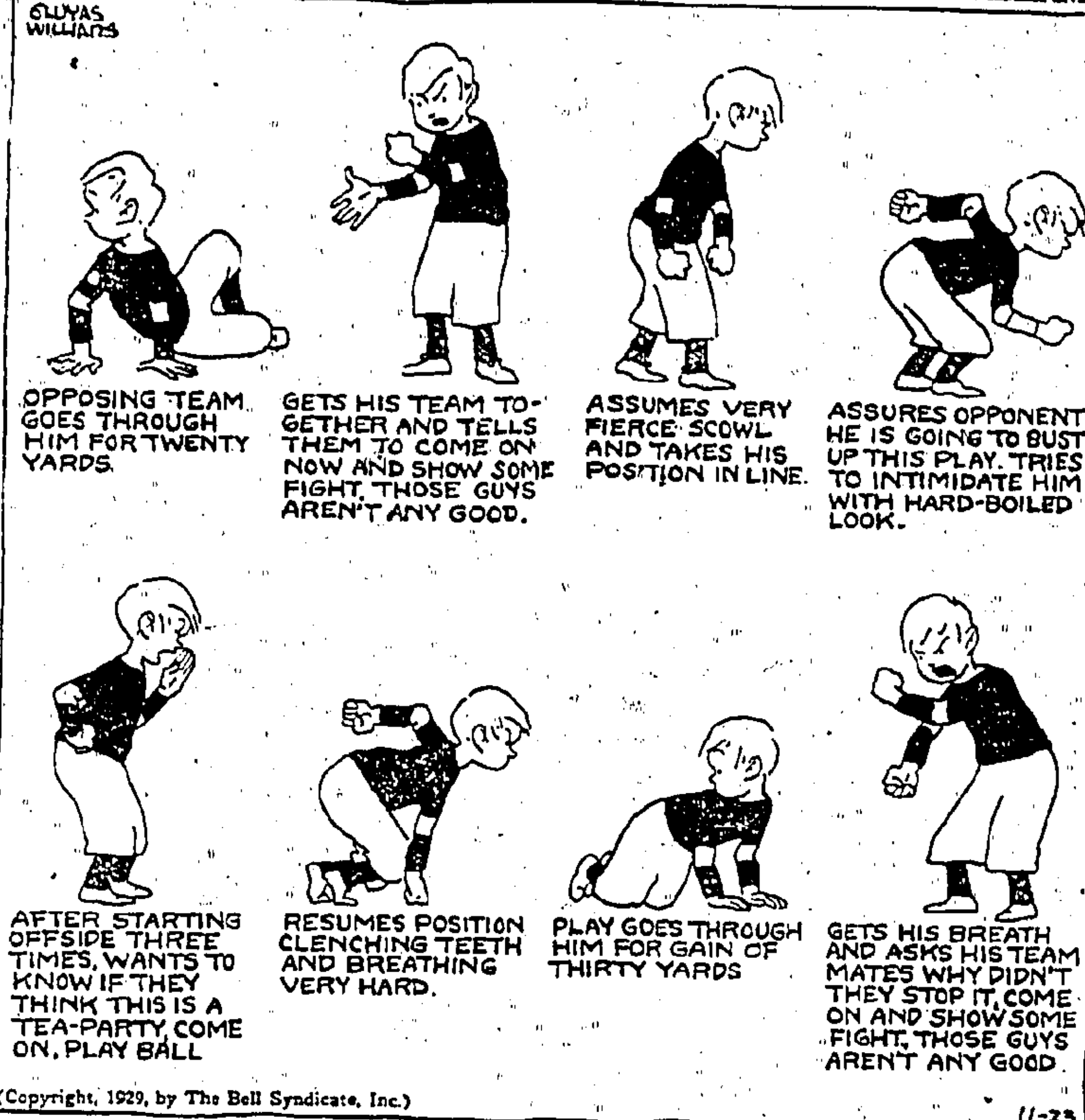
This puzzle took 22 minutes to solve. See how long it will take you to solve it.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



SNAPSHOTS OF A JUNIOR LEAGUE LINESMAN

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

ANOTHER LACROSSE JUBILEE.

There are three lacrosse clubs in England which have had a continuous existence for fifty years. The latest to claim that distinction is Heaton Mersey, the others are Stockport and South Manchester. Heaton Mersey came into existence in 1870 as the outcome of a meeting composed of five members who decided there and then to form a club. They were not long in persuading a sufficient number of enthusiasts to make up a team, and within two weeks the first match was played. The club has always played a prominent part in the game, but it was not until 1927 that they won the North of England Flags and followed that up by taking the English championship. That was the club's ninth appearance in the final of the competition, including the first two years (1885 and 1886), when they were beaten by South Manchester and Liverpool (now defunct) respectively. In the first year they beat Stockport in the first round, and the two, along with South Manchester, are the only clubs still existing who took part in that competition. The club has provided many players for the leading representative games, and in the old days of international football they subscribed their quota. One of the earliest was J. F. B. Adam, who played for England at centre from 1887 for seven years. He is still an enthusiastic member of the club, and (Continued on next column).

BRILLIANT FORM BY ROGER WETHERED.

The Woking Golf Club held their annual competition when eighty-eight cards were taken out. Roger Wethered, the amateur ex-champion, who has been nearer winning the open championship than any other British amateur golfer of recent years, showed his best form, and with a score of 71 he led the field by no fewer than five strokes in the scratch section. G. Illingworth, who was second with 73, took three putts on each of five greens going out.

The Woking course has no bogey score, but the scratch score is 70. J. Stuart Paton (8) finished first in the handicap section with a net total of 73, and in the event for handicaps over 9, Fred L. J. Percival won with 74 net. In their first match of the term, Oxford University opposed the Oxford and Cambridge Golf Society, at Southfield, on Saturday.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

Woman's hockey is now in full swing in England. Many players are busy getting fit for the Lancashire trials. The Lancashire first eleven fixtures include a southern tour in November, and the North Tournament at Scarborough in the new year. The Ulster team to tour England early in the season will have matches against Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, and against the North on the Bury sports ground. The Ulster team will include several Irish internationals. There are two alterations in the rules this season. One says that at a free hit the ball may be pushed as well as hit, but his does not, however, include the scoop stroke where the ball is lifted. The second alteration concerns the taking of corners, and reads: "No player shall take a flying shot at goal unless the ball has been stopped by one of her own side or has touched the stick or person of an opponent before the last stroke of the attacking team." Good umpiring seems, at last, to be recognised as very necessary and important, and much is being done to assist and train umpires. A sub-committee has been formed in Lancashire, and on a County Register of Umpires there are already about sixty names. Lectures on umpiring are to be given by Miss Henderson (Liverpool Physical Training College) after the district trials.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER.

WHY DO WOMEN MAKE THEMSELVES UGLY?

Do women make themselves unattractive? Yes, and No! But mostly, Yes.

Originality, sense of colour, hands, hair, feet, and, of course, taste—these are the six dominating features of a woman's ensemble, in one or more of which she almost invariably comes to grief.

Ever since the advent of mass production woman has steadily lost her individuality.

Eve started the stone of feminine fashion rolling, but during the past three generations it has gathered a lamentable amount of unoriginal moss. In the Garden of Eden there were no fashion plates, and only a comparatively small range of mainly botanical materials; yet Eve easily succeeded in gaining the fundamental objective of most women's clothes—namely, the attraction and ultimate downfall of Adam.

Now take colour.

What tragedies could be avoided by a visit to the Zoo and a superficial study of the parrots! Nature makes no mistake about her colour schemes—with the possible exception of the baboons on the Monkey Hill, and, in any case, they are mostly mere males.

Some are born blondes; others achieve it, if not content to remain mouse or brunette.

There are also the fat and lean, tall and short. In spite of this one-and-all attempt to dress in a similar style. Even age is, ostrich-



like, disregarded. It is pitifully surprising the number of women who in the matter of dress fail to take into adequate consideration the number of summers they have graced, and are now striving to deface with their presence. Let them have their faces lifted a dozen times, their hands, however much be-diamonded and bejewelled, cannot but betray all secrets.

There is usually to be found more beauty and character combined in a woman's hands than in her face. That is why gloves are so superfluous, veils so attractive.

In days gone by artificiality was reduced to a fine art; a fastidiously waved wig was an integral part of the tout ensemble.

But to-day, when lines dominate curves, and the universal outcry is for less clothes and artificiality, more fresh air and wide, open spaces, it is astounding how enormously the modern hairdresser prospers. Not so much thanks to the cutting as to the monstrously artificial waving of what with a little imagination might well be a subtly attractive head of naturally straight hair.

Of flesh-coloured stockings, Russian boots, garters, it is highly de-

LOOKING AHEAD.

We women certainly know how to take care of ourselves in these days.

A little while ago I heard two small girls in a children's hospital planning their future.

"Now, when I grow up, said the older, who was about eight years of age, 'I shall get married.'"

"Yes," agreed the little one.

"Me, too."

"And when I get married," continued the older, "I am going to buy the house and my husband is going to buy the clothes. Then, you see," she explained, "if we quarrel the house will belong to me, and so my husband will have to get out."

"But how about the clothes?" asked the little one.

"They won't fit any one but me," said the woman of the world.

It is a little hard to believe that if any woman really dresses to defy the elements, cloche hats, Eton crops, these are only a few examples of recent crazes, the interminable sheep-like idolatry of which we have all been too painfully aware.

Brave is he who dares to criticise a woman's new hat. Should he do so and yet manage to survive her withering glance he will live to hear that perfect example of feminine justification: "But, my dear, it was terribly expensive!"

How disturbingly often must it be asserted with regard to woman's sartorial efforts, that wealth does wonders—taste not much.

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NEW ATTACK ON WOMEN.

"EMOTIONS BLIND THEIR REASON."

UNTRUTHFUL.

Mr. Joshua Brookes does not admire women. They are no enigma to him, and in his new book, "Fads and Fallacies" (Brentano, 5s. 6d.), he analyses them mercilessly.

Though women are frank, they are much more untruthful than men, he claims, and deceit and prevarication are their favourite weapons.

"Bad temper will wreck a home quite as surely as infidelity, and many a deserted wife draws a separation allowance which she has earned by her shrewish tongue."

Mr. Brookes, in his chapter on "Sex Fallacies" displays in his writing many of those characteristics of discursiveness and subjectiveness which he claims are purely feminine defects. He fits, from one point to another, interpolates personal anecdotes, and generalises rashly from particular instances which are by no means typical.

Blaming the Films.

"It is very doubtful now," he writes, "if they are really any longer much purer than men." He fails to detect feminine passion in Victorian novels, women then being actuated in their affairs with men more by mercenary motives than by the urge of romance.

He blames the increasing freedom of women for the decline of virtue. "The novel, the stage, and the film have all degenerated in purity since women possessed sufficient money to affect the supply. Moreover, the greater number of sex novels are

written by women who pander to this weakness among their own sex."

He sees in "the present-day fashion of short skirts, the common use of rouge, and the present method of dancing..." forces which tend to militate against modesty and chastity, and he attributes these changes to the economic repercussions of the war.

"Women are shrewder than men in matters of the heart," he thinks, but their emotions blind their reason. They do not see what they do not wish to see, and so are frequently victimised by scoundrels like Landru and Mahon.

Mr. Brookes will not agree that women are mean. "In reality," he says, "women are more generous and more extravagant than men; it is they who spend the money that is so good for trade."

It will not be surprising if the success of "Fads and Fallacies" depends on the amount of female patronage it receives.

COUNTESS CAVE'S LIFE AMBITION.

A CHILDHOOD DREAM FULFILLED.

When Countess Cave was a little girl and her name was Ann Estella Mathew, she made up her mind that she would marry a barrister, and that he should become Lord Chancellor.

After some years she married George Cave, and after a good many more years he did become Lord Chancellor. Lord Cave died last year, before an intended earldom could be conferred on him, so Viscountess Cave was made a countess in her own right.

Lady Cave tells the story in a delightful little volume, "Oddes and Ends of My Life," which was published last month.

How Ann Estella Mathew was led to decide on marrying a future Lord Chancellor is told thus:— "This same beloved Aunt Elizabeth, by a remark to her husband, settled once and for all my ultimate destiny. A maid of hers was leaving after many years of service to be married, and my aunt was feeling very sore, and I heard her say: 'To think that after all these years in our service Emma should leave me to marry a barman, and to be constantly demeaning herself by drawing beer for drunkards! Why this remark remained in my memory. I cannot say, but it did.'

"A year or so afterwards, when perhaps nine or ten years of age, I heard my father say to my mother, 'I shall always regret I did not go to the Bar, I wish with all my heart I had done so.'

"To his astonishment, before my mother could answer, I remarked: 'And to be constantly demeaning yourself by drawing beer for drunkards!'

"My father could not extract from me the source of my information, but it evidently so impressed him that he at once explained to me, at full length, what being called to the Bar really meant, and so rosy seemed to me the outlook of the barman that I at once decided to marry such a one."

The first evening she went to Queensberry House, Richmond, to visit George Cave's people; her future father-in-law, said: "Do you know you are going to marry a possible future Lord Chancellor?" "Yes, I know," she replied.

Years passed. George Cave took silk. He became Attorney-General in 1916, then Home Secretary, and then a Lord of Appeal. "The ambition of my life," says Lady Cave, "seemed to fade away."

Then the Coalition went to pieces. Bonar Law became Prime Minister, and Lord Birkenhead went into the wilderness, leaving the Lord Chancellorship vacant.

"It was on Sunday, October 22, 1923," says Lady Cave, "that a message came from Mr. Bonar Law that he wished to see Lord Cave at twelve o'clock in Downing Street."

"We had friends lunching with us at 1.30. At two o'clock I heard the car; I did not dare look up for a moment as he entered the room. My heart was beating wildly. When I looked at him, he gave me a little reassuring nod, and quietly apologising to our guests for being late, began to eat his lunch as if the greatest ambition of my life (not his, for he always did the next thing, whatever it might be) had not come to pass."

FIGHT WITH WHALE.

MONSTER SMASHES BOAT.

Recently a large humpback cow whale, cruising along the coast of New South Wales with her calf was intercepted and brought into the inner bay by a killer, the last survivor of the once numerous pack of killers associated from early days with Twofold Bay. The whale was seen near Eden wharf.

A hastily selected crew manned a whaleboat and attempted to harpoon the whale, which shepherded by the killer, made no attempt to move from near where it was first seen.

Immediately the whalers came on the scene the killer attacked the mother whale, completely disregarding the calf which swam near.

The whale, harassed by incessant attacks, fought its way round the bay, and when near the pilot station a harpoon was made fast. This impeded her progress and a prolonged struggle took place in the harbour entrance.

Eventually the whale moved seaward and round South Head. She was repeatedly lanced, but sounded deeply in her efforts to get rid of the harpoon and evade the killer. On rising she lashed the water with terrific force, and at length one mighty sweep of the flukes reached the boat, smashing several planks in on one side and missing the occupants by inches only.

Jim Davidson, following in a launch, rescued the whalers from their precarious plight.

The whale, though thus succeeding in getting loose, appeared to be in death throes, and continued to

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HEALTHIEST VILLAGE IN ENGLAND.

TUBERCULAR EX-SOLDIERS' SETTLEMENT.

In the last five years the British Legion has added a new village to the map of Kent. It is a village to which all the men come as invalids, and yet it has a health record which will compare favourably with any normal town or village in the country. So well are the villagers looked after that no child has died for two and a half years, and there has never been a case of maternal mortality.

It was just after the war that Preston Hall was turned into a place where ex-soldiers suffering from tuberculosis could be treated and at the same time taught a suitable trade. At first, however, the sanatorium was none too successful, and it was not till the British Legion took it over in 1924 and ran it on the lines made familiar by Papworth that it is to-day.

Life at Preston Hall revolves round two poles, the sanatorium and the village, between the hospital ward and the full freedom of a secure job and a good house in the village. Each patient passes through a number of intermediate phases. The men come from every part of England, and some of them even from abroad. At present, for instance, there are four patients from Paris whose treatment is paid for by the chairman's Fund, while the ordinary patients are provided for by the local authorities of the places in which they reside.

Medical Treatment and Work.

When the sanatorium has its full complement of 185 patients it is self-supporting, and is even able to subsidise the village by a little help in labour. That is the great point of the work at Preston Hall: as soon as a man is able to take a little physical exercise he begins to do an hour's work in one of the village industries. Gradually this is increased as his strength improves until at the end of the treatment he is able to become a settler and earn his living in the village.

As far as medical treatment goes, there is no better equipped sanatorium in Britain. Besides the ordinary open-air treatment there is full provision for artificial sunlight and for artificial pneumothorax, which is often successful in obstinate cases. After a period in the Hall itself, during which an elaborate examination is made, the patient passes out to a life in an open-air shelter during which he begins to learn a trade. Then there follows a period in the hostel—a sort of final undergraduate year,—and then a house in the village and family life again.

The settler at Papworth has a considerable choice of employment. He may become a printer or a carpenter, a fibre worker or gardener, according to his individual capacity. The fact that he may have been a miner will not prevent his making chicken houses, a very flourishing industry at Preston Park. In the printer's shop only three men had any experience of printing before they came to the village. Up to the age of 25 there is no difficulty in a man's learning another trade, and learning well, too, so that although the workers are or have been sick men Preston Hall to-day is a self-supporting business concern.

Prosperous and Healthy.

In 1928 the wages bill was £12,000, and the sales were £45,000; last year they had increased to £22,500 and £71,000 respectively. The village has a population of 754, and it is the envy of the neighbouring villages, for it is never troubled by unemployment, while its bill of health is clean. No child in the village has ever been infected with tuberculosis in any form. It is a very good place to be born in.

But of course not every patient can go on to become a settler. Space and economics forbid that, and force the great majority back into the outside world. For them a very effective after-care work is done. The cured patient must be found suitable employment in proper conditions. If he goes to bad conditions of inefficient ventilation or dusty work all the good of his treatment is undone. The very day he enters Preston Hall the work of finding him a suitable job begins. The after-care officer can count on six months in which to find it.

It is hard, exacting, detailed work, but Preston Hall never fails to achieve its object. Most after-care committees only start to function when the patient is discharged; at Preston Hall they say that the day of admission is the obvious date. Experience proves them right.

Later the calf was seen swimming alone.

It is thought that the mother succumbed and was taken to the bottom by the killer in accordance with the usual habit. The whalers have gone on a further search for the whale.

INQUEST ON EARL'S GRANDSON.

SEVEN-WEEK-OLD CHILD SUFFOCATED.

"It is a sad and unusual case. One would have thought it impossible for a child of only seven weeks to have died from suffocation in these circumstances. However, from the post-mortem the cause of death was undoubtedly suffocation."

These remarks were made by Mr. Ingelby, Oddie, the Westminster Coroner, in recording a verdict of "Death by misadventure" at the inquest on Robin Francis Erskine, the seven-week-old son of the Hon. F. W. Erskine and Mrs. Erskine, of Victoria Square, S.W., and a grandson of the Earl of Mar and Kellie, who was found dead in his cot.

Mr. Erskine, who gave evidence first, said that his son was in good health. He was being fed artificially.

The nurse, Elizabeth Jones, had been with them just over two years. She was an excellent nurse and careful.

Nurse's Evidence.

Elizabeth Jones, the nurse, said she was thirty-seven years of age. She gave the child water at 5 o'clock that morning, because he was crying, and she thought he was thirsty.

She slept in a bed alongside the child's cot. She put the baby on his side. An hour later, she found him lying on his face snuggled in the pillows. She did not think the clothes were over his face.

She called for assistance, and a doctor who was summoned said that death had taken place.

She had never known the child to roll over when sleeping, but he had done so when playing. The pillow was not an unusually soft one.

Dr. H. B. Weir, pathologist, who made a post-mortem examination, said he thought the child had just enough strength to roll over and press his face into the pillow. The cause of death was asphyxia.

Mr. Oddie: There was no kind of convulsion?—No.

It is very young for a child to move in that way!—It is, but he was a good-sized child, and may have just begun to kick.

Then you would have thought he would have rolled back if he got his face buried in the pillow?—I cannot see any other way it could have occurred.

DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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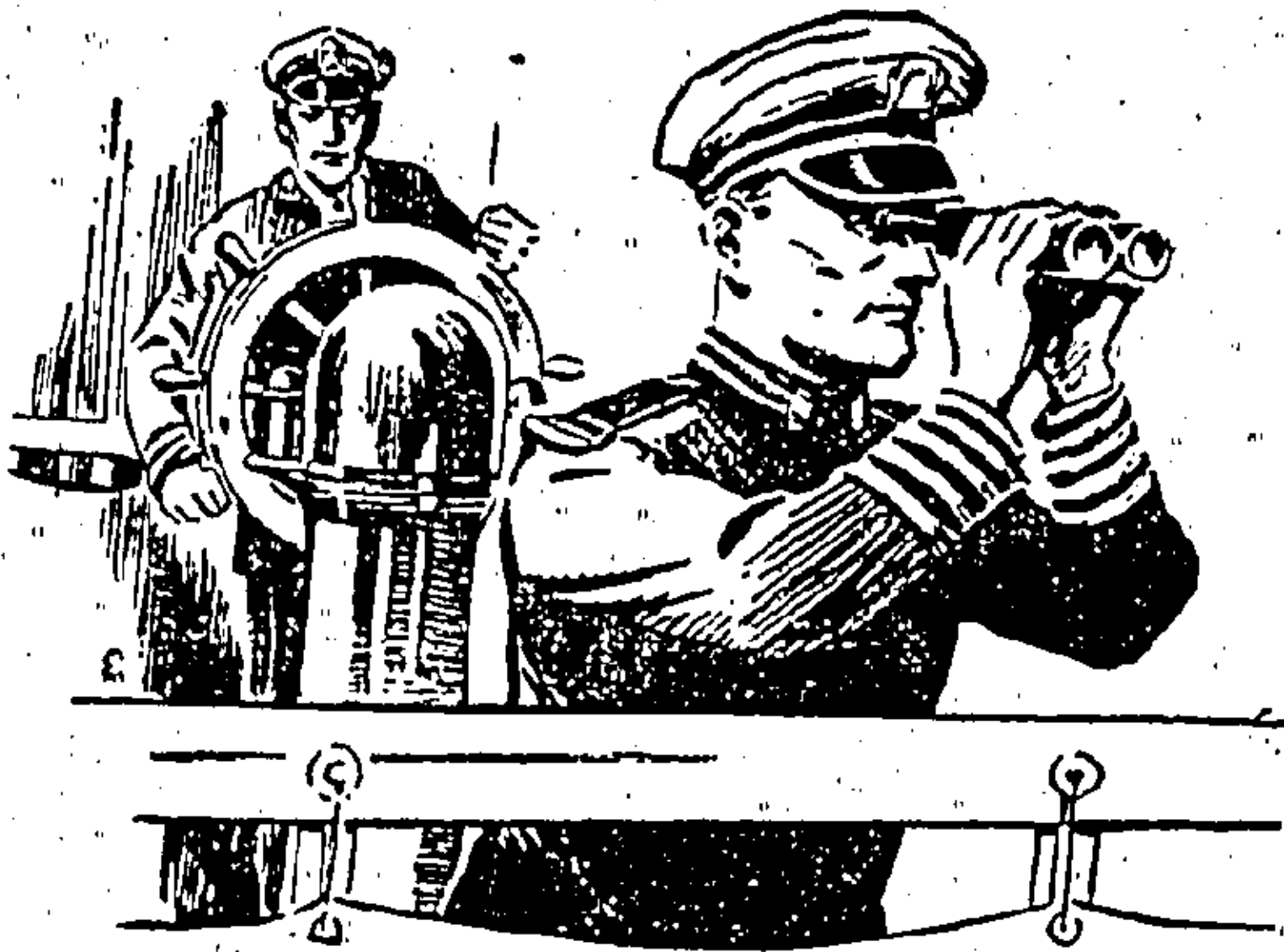
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Among the passengers who left the Colony on the Empress of Asia yesterday was Mr. H. Damien (Administrateur en Chef des Colonies), who is proceeding to New Orleans from Hanoi. From New Orleans, Mr. Damien will eventually travel up to New York and from thence to his beloved France, which he has not seen for 25 years, having been for that period in the Colonial service.

During the war, Mr. Damien saw extensive service in German West Africa, more particularly as Chief Liaison Officer in the Cameroons, where his experiences were certainly thrilling and his daily life fraught with great risks.

Tall, with fair hair and an "Imperial" Mr. Damien, who wears the red ribbon of the Legion d'Honneur, presents a distinguished appearance. Slowly pacing the promenade-deck of the liner, he chatted freely and enthusiastically to a Daily Press representative upon what he considered to be Hong Kong's finest aspects.

Excellent Government.

"Firstly," he said, "I think your system of administration here is splendid. Your Government has to control about a million Chinese in addition to other nationals. Yet you never have any serious trouble here, and the excellent roads, comparatively remarkable system of sanitation and hygiene, your fine buildings, and police system stand as monuments to the Government's efficiency."

"What would you have done in the case of a piracy like the Hanching?" he was asked.

Mr. Damien shrugged his shoulders expressively.

"Well," he said, cryptically, "French methods are not entirely parallel with those of the British. It may be that we are not so merciful. One has to remember that the uneducated Oriental or Asiatic too often regards kindness as weakness. There are times when it may be wise to punish first and judge afterwards."

"Still — I cannot say what we would do in Saigon and Hanoi in a case like this, because we never have pirates there. Our inhabitants are of a more lazy, good-natured, and easy-going type."

The Foreign Legion.

"Isn't Hanoi one of the outposts of the Foreign Legion?"

"Yes, I have read with interest the series of articles in the Daily Press upon the Legion. They were very sensible, but I cannot agree with the English writer who describes French Indo-China as being swampy, fever-ridden and a God-forsaken place."

"His story of the Legion is all twaddle, as you call it. Our men are all athletes and clean-living. They are also kindly treated."

"When your English novelist refers to 'the eternal swamps' he means the paddy-fields which one finds all over China, and they are not always in a state of inundation. Our climate is very similar to that of Hong Kong, except that it is much colder in the winter. So much for the novelist."

Hong Kong Social Life.

"Another thing which has pleased me during my fortnight's stay in Hong Kong is the wonderful courtesy and spirit of camaraderie of the English people here. You English are very cold as a rule, but that may be only a pose."

"Whenever I have spoken to an English lady or gentleman here, even though we may not have been formally introduced, I have always received a cheery response, and have made many friends even during my short stay."

"You may be interested in one curious fact," Mr. Damien said, with a smile, "and that is that I found it quite impossible to buy a photograph of King George V. I tried every bookshop, both English and Chinese, without result. A curious fact, n'est-ce pas?"

"I could get photographs of Mussolini, the President of the United States, the President of France, and the Duke of Gloucester, and it was not until I mentioned my difficulty to the manager of a printing establishment in Hong Kong that I satisfied my need. I think he took the photograph from a frame hanging in his private office."

Views of Night Life.

"Many young men in the Colony deplore the absence of cabarets or better amusements here," said the interviewer. "Do you think a first-class cabaret or dance-hall would have a seriously deteriorating effect upon the 'tone' of the Colony?"

"What is 'tone'! You British people certainly contrive, goodness knows how, to maintain an air of exclusiveness here. But I cannot imagine youth appreciating that aspect of the case. Properly conducted, on true Continental lines, I cannot see that the establishment in Hong Kong of a Government-supervised cabaret, or Palais-de-Dance, would seriously jeopardise British rule and prestige. Still, that is a matter for the authorities, who certainly appreciate their own difficulties more than I do."

"Yes," he concluded, "I think Hong Kong is a beautiful place, with a wonderful harbour. It is also a noisy place!"

THE FREER GALLERY
AND CHINA.MR. CARL BISHOP'S WORK
FOR FUTURE.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Mr. J. E. Lodge, curator of the Freer Gallery of Art, in detailing the proposed work of Mr. Carl Bishop, who has just sailed for the Far East from San Francisco, said that for the present Mr. Bishop's activities will be in the nature of confidential scientific enterprises for the Smithsonian Institution in Honan.

Mr. Bishop will resume his archaeological work in Shansi when the internal troubles have quieted. Mr. Lodge praised Dr. K. Z. Dong, who has continued the work in the absence of Mr. Bishop. He said that Dr. Dong had contributed greatly in the past to the success of these enterprises.

The gallery is not concerned in taking many objects of art away from China, according to Mr. Lodge. It desires to work with the Chinese on a joint scientific undertaking, thus obtaining the best possible results.

Man at Willemsen: He particularly wants to fight me, and I particularly do not want to be troubled.

Willemsen magistrate, to a man charged with begging: What is in that package strapped to your back? Man: Only tea, sugar, and milk, and my army discharge.

NAVAL & MILITARY
NOTES.

Since the adoption of badges for H.M. ships was officially recognized in 1921, and devices were approved as the result of investigations by a committee, various steps have been taken to regulate the issue and use of these marks of distinction. A new Fleet Order provides that ships' and boats' badges and scrolls are to be removed from ships to be prepared for sale, and taken on naval store charge at a professional valuation for possible use in other ships of the same name. But as there is no certainty that further use will necessarily be found for the articles, the professional valuation at which they are taken on charge is to be the value they might be expected to realize if disposed of by sale. Large ships' badges and scrolls are to be deposited with the Imperial War Museum on loan until required again. All boats' badges removed from ships are to be sent to Chatham yard for storage.

Among badges and scrolls now held on deposit by the Imperial War Museum are those of the battleship King George V., which was scrapped in 1926 on the completion of the Nelson; the cruiser Weymouth, which passed off the list last year; and the destroyer Rocket, scrapped in 1927. Certain badges which were used by ships were not of approved designs. The new order directs that those for the battleship Thunder and the destroyer Ulster are to be disposed of. As it is probable that the badges for H.M.S. King George V. would be suitable for adoption for a possible new ship of the same name, they are to be retained.

The destroyer Voyager, Lieutenant-Commander P. V. James, was due to arrive at Sheerness recently from the Mediterranean to turn over her crew to the Waterhen, Lieutenant-Commander S. H. T. Arliss, which was due to finish a refitting refit on November 20. The Waterhen was ordered to leave Sheerness on Nov. 27 and to arrive at Malta on December 6. Other destroyer changes include the return of the Viny, which was to complete repairs at Sheerness on November 30, to the Fifth Flotilla, Atlantic Fleet, in place of the Vesper. The latter was to leave her Flotilla at Rosyth so as to arrive at Sheerness on November 23, and her crew were to commission the Viny for trials two days later. The Vesper will join the North Reserve.

Another of the senior lieutenant-commanders who have just retired, at their own request, with the rank of commander, is Aubrey C. Thurstfield, late in command of the Saltash and reserve minesweepers at the Nore. Commander Thurstfield entered the Service in 1901 and became a lieutenant in 1905. When War broke out he was in command of torpedo boat No. 113 at Sheerness. A year later he took command of the Dragonfly, one of the gunboats built for use in Mesopotamia. At the battle of Ctesiphon in November, 1915, he had command of the armed launch Shaitan in the Flotilla under Captain Nunn, which acted in support of General Townshend. From April, 1918, Commander Thurstfield served the War he returned to gunboat commands, serving in 1919-21 in the Cockchafer, and in 1922-23 in the Teal, both employed on the Chinese rivers. In 1923 he was second-in-command of the cruiser Canterbury in reserve at Devonport, and later served in the Marshal Soult, turret drillship at Chatham.

Lieutenant-Commander E. F. Fitzgerald has been placed on the retired list at his own request with the rank of Commander, after 26 years' service. He became a lieutenant in 1910, and when War broke out was serving in the battleship King Edward VII., flagship of Vice-Admiral Bridport, in the Third Battle Squadron, Grand Fleet. From February, 1916, he was in the new battleship Royal Oak, which took part in the battle of Jutland. In May, 1918, he took command of the destroyer Scout, and continued in destroyer commands after the Armistice. In November, 1927, he joined the Vandyke in the Atlantic Fleet, and in July, 1928, he was reappointed to her when she was transferred to the Mediterranean. His last command, in 1927-28, was of one of the two emergency destroyers at Portsmouth.

A new Order in Council provides that marriage allowance to naval ratings and marines may be paid for children adopted under the provisions of the Adoption of Children Act, 1926, to, or in respect of, adopters who are otherwise eligible for the allowance. Payment is granted as from October 1, 1929, at the rates and under the conditions applicable to the legitimate children and step-children of married men and women.

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ATTACK ON ITALIAN
DICTATORSHIP.SPANISH CENSOR ORDERS
SEIZURE OF A BOOK.

The censorship, in Madrid which has been very seldom applied to books by the dictatorial regime, recently ordered the seizure by the police of the essay, "Dictatorships in Twentieth-century Europe," by the late Republican deputy, Marcelino Domingo. An official note explaining that this measure had not been inspired by criticisms contained in the seized book against the present Spanish regime but "by violent attacks against the Government of a friendly Power," meaning Italy, "charging the same with artful manoeuvring and crimes in his reference to the Matteotti case."

The official statement intends to justify the withdrawal of Senor Domingo's book by saying that Spain would lose all its moral authority to protest in future against any libellous campaign which might be undertaken in the foreign press if the Spanish Government allowed "the model Government of a nation deserving the greatest respect to have been abused in such a manner."

Another official statement issued to-day by General Primo de Rivera refers to the satisfaction felt in Spain by the election of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senor Aunon, as chairman of the International Labour Conference. This gesture to the Spanish Government now made by Geneva, after holding in Madrid, last June, the

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HONG KONG ART CLUB.

AN ARTIST'S CANDID REVIEW.

SOME POINTS WHICH NEED REPEATING.

AN INTERESTING EXHIBITION.

[By E.M.B.]

The annual exhibition of the Hong Kong Art Club opened yesterday, and is being held in the Mercantile Bank Building. It is as always, interesting, and that the number and variety of the exhibits increases each year is a sign that the Club is in a healthy and flourishing condition. It may soon become necessary to limit the number of works sent in by each member.

The Hong Kong Art Club, although it has among its members one or two of professional or semi-professional rank, is in the main an amateur association, and the exhibits must be judged on an amateur standard. They are mostly painted from a desire to express what it has given the artist a pleasure to see, and not with an idea of earning a living by the brush and pencil. A personal record rather than a masterpiece has been the aim. But whatever reason urges people to attempt to express on paper or canvas anything which has pleased or interested them, there is no reason why an attempt should not be made to make that expression intelligible and pleasing to everyone. There are three points that I would like to impress again:

- 1.—Learn to draw. It may be onerous, like practicing scales, but it is well worth while. No brilliance of colour or beauty of subject can disguise bad draughtsmanship.
- 2.—Remember that colour, whether water or oil, is a fluid medium and don't use it dry. Dry treatment ruins the beauty and life of the pigment.
- 3.—Study composition. A lovely view is not of necessity a good picture, the effect is very different when a small part of it is isolated by a frame.

The Pictures.

In surveying the pictures it is, perhaps, best to conform to the tradition of the Club, which is to hang each member's work in a separate group and to go straight through the catalogue.

Mrs. J. C. Knight Anstey sends eight small oil paintings. She uses her medium too much as if it were water colour, getting in consequence a thin and smeared effect. "On a Terrace Kowloon" (8) is the most successful, the tone and modelling of the distant hills being very good. Prussian blue is as great an enemy to Mrs. Knight Anstey as it is to most amateurs, and I advise her to use cobalt, French blue, and cerulean instead.

Mrs. Ashe has eleven water colours which all need better composing. Her colour is nice and clear, though she is inclined to use it in too "spotty" a manner. "Azaleas in the University grounds" (9) is her most successful exhibit and shows a clever use of another difficult colour, red.

Mr. G. W. Arnold should do well if he will remember to draw always as carefully as he has done in "Winter Sunset" (23) and "Castle Peak Road" (24). These are examples of strong decorative work; when he tries more ambitious subjects, such as "Evening Mist" (22), he fails because he loses simplicity.

A Service Contingent.

Commander R. D. Binney is exhibiting thirty-seven water colour sketches of very varying merit. He has not yet discovered, apparently, what it is he really wants to express or how he wishes to express it. He shows a decided interest in unusual viewpoints and can, when he tries, draw better than most amateurs. His colour is on the whole quite pleasant and cool in tone, but he has a lazy habit of using already prepared greens which are almost invariably bad in water colour painting. "Very Still Life" (37) and "Alley Wanchai" (41) are the two most effective of his sketches.

I like the work of Lieut. R. Birch, also water colours. "The Fu River at Wuchow" (70), "Wuchow Golf Course" (71), and "Old Bridge Panling" (64) are all pleasing, though I think it was a mistake to use a brown mount for the first two. The choice and use of colour are good, and a very living atmosphere is obtained. Lieut. Birch might draw better still with advantage to his art.

Capt. D. R. M. Cameron has three exhibits, one water colour and two very thin oils. These rather anaemic oils seem to have invaded the Club this year—I should like to have a few words with the person responsible for their introduction. Oils and water colour are two quite different mediums and demand quite different treatment. "Whampoa Dock" (98) is the best of this artist's exhibits, but I should like to persuade him to hold water colour work with a big brush or a little house painting.

Lieut. Colonel Christian has five very pleasing water colours, of which Nos. 103 and 110, are both clever and unusual. The subjects are by no means easy and he has succeeded in getting a sense of "bigness" into his small sketches. No. 99 is spoiled by poor draughtsmanship.

Delightful Flower Paintings.

Mr. G. H. Bond's work is interesting but shows weakness of drawing. His colour is nice and well used. I liked "Evening Light" (78) the best of his exhibits. Mrs. Bowes gives us once more some of her delightful flower studies. I am not sure that "Chrysanthemums" (78) is not the best she has ever done with its exquisite delicacy of colour and drawing. She has tried this year some dark backgrounds which are not very successful. It is much more difficult to lay a flat dark wash behind a broken surface than a pale one. "Coreopsis" (83) is the most successful of the studies with a dark ground. Mrs. C. B. Brown is another unequal executant. I feel she could do much better work if she would pay more attention to drawing and composition and lay her colour more cleanly. "Palms" (80) is her best picture.

Butterflies.

Miss Maude Crawford has one picture which shows originality and is a pleasing piece of decoration. "Hong Kong Butterflies" (115). Her other pictures lack composition and draughtsmanship, though she uses brilliant colour in a way which gives hope that if she will try to conquer her obvious weaknesses she may produce some very interesting and original work. Miss W. I. Griffin is another offender who uses oils like water colour. It is not necessary to lay on the pigment with a palette knife, but oil colour demands a stronger and bolder treatment or all its richness and beauty is lost. She has another weakness, for harsh greens, but with this exception I like her use of colour. "The Peak" (129) is one of the cleverest pictures in the exhibition. The glimpse of water through the reeds and the effect of distance is very good indeed. She can draw well but, unfortunately, does not always do so. Mrs. D. S. Gubbay sends three still life studies in oil. They all suffer from being too big for their frames, and from a dry use of pigment. "Pointed" (126) has succeeded far better than it deserves to do and is, despite obvious faults, an attractive piece of decoration. Miss H. Harry has one water colour drawing, which suggests that she might do better work if she did not cramp herself for space.

Prussian Blue Again!

Mr. G. P. Heney is another victim of Prussian blue, a horrible colour which it is never necessary for an amateur to use. Sometimes it can be effective in very skillful hands. His best exhibit is "Deckchair Terrace" (141), a careful architectural water colour drawing in which the colour and composition are both very pleasant. He is ambitious in his choice of subject and is clearly a careful worker inclined to be a little "fussy" in touch.

Mr. J. H. Hunt has some very attractive black and white work, the book plates in particular. "Houghton Mill" (115) is a pleasing water colour drawing in the Moreland style. Mr. Hunt, of course, can draw. Two water colours in a flat decorative style are shown by Mr. S. D. Igglesden, of which I liked "Mousethole" (160) the better.

Local Portraits and a Landscape.

Mrs. Koop sends four portrait heads, two in pastel, and two in coloured pencil. She has got a good though superficial likeness in those of her husband and Dean Swann. "Mrs. Kikuchi" (161) is the best, because I think, the artist had to give it the most careful observation. Only one of Miss P. L. Murray's exhibits is really good, "Little Amah" (185) and this is so very good; that there is no doubt that the artist's forte lies along the lines of strong decorative work. I wonder if she could do silhouettes in colour, rather on the lines of the best of Mr. Arnold's exhibits! One of the most interesting exhibits is the large oil painting by Mr. William Norse "Sunshine and Shadow." His two smaller works are nowhere near in the same class. The draughtsmanship and use of chiaroscuro are very good. His colour, in my mind, is too turgid. The foreground, beautifully painted as it is, is the weakness of the composition and is not noticed owing to the strong colour in the middle distance.

Clever Pastels.

I feel a sort of proprietary interest in the work of Mrs. M. O. Pfister, because it has improved so enormously on the lines which I pointed out to her three years ago. (Continued on next Column.)

IRREGULARITY IN AN ARREST.

WARRANT WHICH GAVE NO POWER.

PUISNE JUDGE'S COMMENT.

"It think it is desirable that the police should follow out their powers exactly. If they give evidence of arrest, it should be evidence of proper arrest."

This observation was made by the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) to Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney General, after referring to the warrant under which a Chinese charged in the second case at the Criminal Sessions was arrested.

The Crown case was that the accused was one of several persons who were alleged to have committed a robbery at 108, Des Voeux Road West, on May 30 at about 5 a.m. Several articles of jewellery, which counsel said were worth about \$2,000, and a sum of \$500 in money were entered in the charge.

Evidence of Identification.

A Chinese woman, alleged to be the owner of the stolen property, stated in her evidence that she recognised the accused as the man who first entered her cubicle carrying a revolver. Witness was taken to another cubicle, bound and gagged, with the other inmates, while the robbers, about five in number, ransacked her belongings.

Speaking of an identification parade, witness said that she picked out the accused and was "100 per cent. sure" that he was the man who first entered her cubicle.

Mr. T. Murphy said that he was in charge of the identification parade held at Yau-mat Police Station when the woman picked out the accused after about five minutes. In answer to his Lordship, witness agreed that at a previous parade the woman picked out a man whom the police knew was not connected with the robbery in any way. This man was merely placed along with the suspects.

Arrest of the Accused.

Giving evidence of arrest, Sergeant Fitches said that he took the accused into custody under a warrant.

His Lordship: You have no power to arrest under this warrant. Did you find any arms?

Witness: No.

His Lordship: Then why did you arrest him?

Witness: Because I was ordered to do so by my superior officer. Questioned further, witness agreed that his superior officer was Inspector Fallon, whereupon his Lordship commented on the desirability of the police following the proper routine.

Verdict of Not Guilty.

In his summing up, his Lordship put it to the jury that the accused was arrested five months after the robbery. After this interval the man was identified by the woman whose evidence they had heard. The jury had also to bear in mind the evidence of Mr. Murphy who had stated that the woman had previously picked out a wrong man.

After a short retirement, the jury brought in an unanimous verdict of not guilty. In discharging the accused, his Lordship said that he agreed with the verdict, which was in accord with the weight of evidence.

She still falls occasionally through hasty and careless drawing, but her composition both in regard to line and colour has improved out of all knowledge. "Village Life in Capsumun" (183) is very good indeed, and the two pictures of "San Toma" (both numbered 184) show a very clever use of a difficult yellow and a nice colour sense generally. Her figure work is interesting and I hope she will do more in this style. Her greatest danger now seems to lie in the use of a violent turgid blue. Mrs. Prosser, too, has a colour to beware of, an ugly sage green. "Mount Kellett" (101) is her most successful exhibit, but I should like to see her do more work on the lines of "Shatin" (189). Mrs. R. Robertson has one slight water colour drawing which shows promise. Mrs. Shenton exhibits pastels which are all spoiled by a fuzzy, dirty technique. Dean Swann also sends pastels with the same faults, and some pleasing little pencil notes, which show an appreciation of composition. Mrs. Wyatt is an unequal exhibitor. "Cherry Blossom" (219) is the best, the colour being very charming, but all her work suffers from weak drawing. Mr. Van Wylich has a seascape which is marred by an ugly purple in the mountains.

Arts and Crafts.

Among the arts and crafts is some exquisite Honiton lace made by Miss Harry, various pleasant little things from Miss Riley, some attractive batik scarves from Mrs. Danby, cushions from Mrs. Hampden Ross, and five photographs of local scenes from A. Abbas, of which the one of two old women is extraordinarily good.



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TO-MORROW'S MEETING OF INAUGURATION.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR TO PRESIDE.

The meeting at which the inauguration of the Hong Kong Flying Club will be proposed takes place to-morrow at 4 p.m. at the City Hall. His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) will preside and is to move the resolution for the formation of the Club.

Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, one of the leading supporters of the Club interviewed by a Daily Press representative yesterday, said that a large number of flying enthusiasts, both foreign and Chinese, would be present. Several members of the Executive and Legislative Councils have also intimated their intentions of attending, and among well-known Chinese supporters Sir Robert Ho Tung is prominent. H.E. the Governor will speak on the desirability of forming a Flying Club in the Colony and has intimated that the Government will give its moral support and also help financially. The Government will make a donation of \$50,000 to the Club during the first year of its life, and thereafter will subscribe a sum of \$20,000 each year to the Club as long as it thinks fit. A resolution will be proposed that the name of the Club shall be the Hong Kong Flying Club, and an Organisation Committee will be appointed for the fostering of the Club. The Club will be also officially registered in the Colony.

Flying From Kai Tak.

With the permission of the Commanding Officer of the Royal Air Force Base at Kai Tak, the Club will make that aerodrome its flying base. Seaplanes will be used exclusively at first, but later land planes will be bought. Arrangements have been made for special instructors to teach the members all phases of flying and enable them to take the usual test for a pilot's certificate.

The meeting promises to be of very great interest, and all those who have in mind the taking up of flying should attend. Questions as to the cost of flying and membership fees will be answered at the meeting.

BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION MEETING.

THE NEW OFFICERS FOR 1930.

APPEAL FOR TRAINING CAMP AT SAIWAN.

REVIEW OF A SUCCESSFUL YEAR'S WORK.

Owing to pressure of other engagements, His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) was unable to be present at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Branch of the Boy Scouts Association in the Cathedral Hall yesterday. The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., presided in His Excellency's stead and was supported by Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. A. S. Mitchell, Mr. T. N. Chau, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, and Mr. T. H. King (D.I.G.P.). There was a very representative meeting, during the course of which an appeal was made for funds in connection with the site for a permanent Officers' Training Camp and Scouts' Camping Ground at Saiwan.

HON. DR. R. H. KOTEWALL ELECTED PRESIDENT.

After reading letters of apology for their non-attendance, sent by several absent members of the Council, the Chairman, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, said:—

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I very much regret that His Excellency the Governor who is our local Chief Scout, is unable through pressure of public duties to come and preside at this meeting. That duty has consequently devolved upon me as President of the Association.

I will not attempt a review of the past year's work, as it will be given in the report to be presented by the Honorary Secretary. That report which has been prepared by our hard-working Commissioner, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, will reveal to you another year of good work performed cheerfully and with singleness of purpose by all officers of the Association, from the Commissioner down to the newest scoutmaster.

Mr. Waldegrave's Services.

We will soon lose—happily, only for a time—the valuable services of Mr. Waldegrave who is going home on a well-earned holiday. In Mr. Waldegrave the Association is fortunate in possessing as its chief executive officer one whose experience and knowledge of boys are probably unrivalled in the Colony, whose enthusiasm for the movement knows no bounds, and who in spite of the various other heavy calls upon his time, has shown a devotion to his work which only one who performs his duty as a labour of love is able to show. I am afraid that the strenuousness of his multifarious duties has been a great strain, and I am, therefore, glad, for his sake, that he is about to take a much-needed rest. We wish him a very pleasant voyage and a holiday that will be a real relaxation to him.

The Officials.

We are fortunate in having secured the consent of Mr. C. Champkin to act as Deputy Commissioner, and to perform the duties of the Commissioner during the absence on leave of Mr. Waldegrave. Mr. Champkin who has proven himself to be a very keen and popular scoutmaster, has once acted in this capacity with signal success.

It is with great pleasure that I associate myself with the tribute that is paid in the report to Mr. C. H. Blason, Col. T. A. Robertson, Mr. A. White, Mr. Alfred J. Lane, Mr. Mitchell, our Honorary Secretary, and Mr. Ip Choi Hing, our Assistant Secretary; and I should also like, as President of the Association, to express my sincere thanks to all officers and officials for their splendid work and devotion to duty, which have enabled us to look back upon another year of real progress.

I am very sorry to announce that Mr. Richard Hancock has just intimated to me that he does not desire re-election as Vice-President as he is shortly going away on a holiday for nine months. I know that you will receive this announcement with great regret, as Mr. Hancock has been Vice-President of the Association since its formation in 1920, and has rendered very valuable services to it. Our regret is, however, tempered by the hope that his services may again be available to the Association on his return. We wish him *bon voyage* and a restful holiday.

Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi
Thanked.

It is a matter of great regret to me, as it must be to you all, that circumstances have prevented His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi from coming to this meeting. I know that he is with us in spirit. No one has shown a greater keenness and greater interest in the Scout movement in this Colony than has His Excellency. In spite of the strain and stress of pressing and onerous occupations, he has always been more than ready to give us the benefit of his wise counsel and guidance, and of his practical encouragement and active support which have substantially contributed to the success we have attained in recent years.

It may interest you to know that on December 3 the Brownies, who are in the Girl Guides Association, and the Wolf Cubs who are in our Association, were entertained at tea by Lady Clementi at Government House.

Before tea the Brownies had competitions and games, while the Cubs had a competition; and opportunity was taken by the two Associations to express their thanks to Lady Clementi for all her kind interest in both organisations. This was but one instance of the very many evidences of sympathetic support for which both Guides and Scouts owe a deep debt of gratitude to His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi who, I feel sure, see in the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides movement one way of attaining that end which they have so much at heart and towards which they have laboured so strenuously and with already such success; namely, a better understanding and closer co-operation among the various nationalities. Their approaching departure from these shores is an irreparable loss to our movement as to the Colony, and we wish them continued success in the new and wider sphere of their work.

In the report mention is made of the close and increasing co-operation between the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts. I think it but right to say that this happy result is mainly due to the keenness shown on the one side by the Girl Guides Commissioner, Mrs. Southern, and on the other side by our indefatigable Commissioner, Mr. Waldegrave. During Mrs. Southern's absence, this good work was worthily carried on by Miss Jaques.

The Saiwan Training Camp.

The acquisition of a property at Saiwan as a training camp for Boy Scouts is mentioned in some detail in the report. This property is situated on an ideal site, and its acquisition has met a long-felt want, and will undoubtedly go far to raise the efficiency of the officers and Troops, and to knit them yet closer together. But this acquisition has also been a severe drain on our financial resources which have never been in a flourishing condition. I, therefore, make a strong appeal to all who take an interest in the movement and believe that it is doing good to society, to come to our aid. In the first instance I would appeal to all to come to our Grand Coming-of-Age Concert and Display which will be given at the Theatre Royal on Saturday next under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor. By doing this, not only will you assist in a deserving cause, but will, I am sure, also derive pleasure from what I can promise you to be a good show well worth your money.

On Saturday, January 11, the Saiwan camp at Saiwan will be formally opened by Mrs. W. T. Southern, to whom we owe another debt of gratitude. To this function we hope to welcome a good and representative attendance of our sympathisers.

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.

Upon a proposition by Mr. A. S. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. T. H. King, the report for the year 1928-29 was adopted by the meeting.

Proposing the adoption of the Statement of Accounts, Mr. T. N. Chau drew attention to the able work performed in this direction by Mr. D. Black.

Sir Shou-son Chow seconded Mr. Chau's proposition.

COMMISSIONER'S SPEECH.

The Commissioner, the Rev. G. H. Waldegrave, then addressed the meeting and said:—

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,—You have been good enough to adopt our report and to pass our accounts, for which I sincerely thank you. By this you have signified your approval of the progress of the Scout movement in this Colony and have thereby given the executive officers' real encouragement. In past years, it has been my misfortune to have to explain

why our long hoped for Training Camp had not materialised, but now I can hold up my head with a certain amount of confidence.

"The importance of such a branch of our activities may be shown by the fact that the training schedule has, of late, a further addition in the shape of a scheme for training in districts by District Officers as a preliminary to the more advanced courses such as those which will be held at Saiwan.

"You will, I hope, bear with me while I briefly recapitulate the system of training adopted. It consists of three parts. Part One being a sort of correspondence course exam; Part Two, a period of intensive training by means of which practical demonstrations and lectures for a period of 12 consecutive days or the equivalent in week-ends, and Part Three a six-months' period of probation during which the effect of the practical training on the scoutmaster and his troop is observed.

"Anyone passing all three is given the Wood Badge and becomes, automatically, a Scout of the 1st Gilwell Park Troop which has members all the world over.

New Bones for Old.

"Saiwan is for the holding of part two, and I can assure you that if we approach anywhere near the standard required by Gilwell we shall be doing well. The value of the practical course lies in the fact that, by the methods adopted, old age recovers its youth and learns again to see through the eyes of boyhood, an essential quality in those who aim at the successful training of the young.

"But, at Gilwell, there is also another very wonderful feature—the week-end camping ground for London scouts. Each week-end in the warmer weather sees boys descend on the park in their hundreds to spend the week-end under canvas. Saturday and Sunday, teeming with scouts who cement their brotherhood round the camp fire at the singings at night and the 'Scouts' Own' religious services on Sundays. That is the sort of thing we want to develop here.

"Just as the London boys get a breath of real fresh air away from the crowded streets and smoky alleys, so we hope that Hong Kong boys will be able regularly, with the minimum of trouble and expense, to get away each week-end from the hot, stuffy streets and flats, and thus find health for mind and body. Tents will be stored there and other commodities, and though camping as now will go on all over the Colony, for those who cannot afford time or money for a long period under canvas, Saiwan will always be available.

District Associations.

"The acquisition of Saiwan has, however, another effect on this Association. Previously I, for one, was strongly of the opinion that it would be a pity to split up the Colony into separate district associations, but with Saiwan as the connecting link we can take a step from which I have hitherto shrunk. In order to further our policy of decentralisation, so as to free the Colony's scout headquarters staff from much petty detail work for special attention to the bigger parts of scouting, the Executive Committee (with the scheme of the district training also in view) have decided to recommend to the Council the formation of two districts in the Colony, namely, Hong Kong as the Southern District and Kowloon as the Northern District.

"This will take place as soon as the necessary officers can be found. The present Council and Executive Committee will remain as before but will be the chief link constitutionally between the district associations, and it is suggested that in order to avoid overlapping in the way of raising finance, the Colony Council should keep this under its wing, making grants to such districts as required. There will be no need for headquarters in Kowloon, and the sole expenses in the ordinary course will be the district secretary's for stationary, postage and so forth. There will be less expense for the scoutmasters and scouts in not having to cross the harbour for examinations, scoutmasters' meetings and similar functions. Each district will be represented on the Council. Our present headquarters and shop will remain the scout business centre for the Colony.

(Continued on next column.)

GOVERNMENT AND RENTS.

QUESTIONS AT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

At to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council the Hon. Sir Henry E. Pollock, Kt., K.C., pursuant to notice, will ask the following question:—

- In view of recent discussions, will the Government state whether its policy is:—
(a) To impose rent restriction; or
(b) To appoint a Fair Rents Board; or
(c) To increase the length of notice to quit on a monthly tenancy to a longer period than one month; or
(d) To leave the above matters to the action of economic laws and to the terms of the contracts entered into between the parties.

OTHER BUSINESS.

COUNCIL'S RULES AND ORDERS.

The Attorney-General is to move the following resolution:—

Resolved that the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong made by the Legislative Council on the 7th day of March, 1912, in pursuance of clause XIX of the Royal Instructions of the 19th day of January, 1888, and amended by the Legislative Council on the 26th day of January, 1920, be repealed, and the Standing Orders, a draft of which was laid on the table of the Council on the 5th day of December, 1929, and a copy of which has been signed by the Clerk of Councils, be substituted therefor.

The Attorney-General is to move the first reading of:—

An Ordinance to amend the Printers and Publishers Ordinance, 1927.

Church of England Ordinance.

The Hon. Sir Henry E. Pollock, Kt., K.C., is to move the first reading of:—

An Ordinance to incorporate a Body of Trustees capable of holding property for the purposes of the Church of England, and to provide for the performance of divine worship according to rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, and, for certain objects ancillary to the aforesaid objects.

Second Reading.

The Attorney-General is to move the second readings of:—

An Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

An Ordinance to amend further the Companies Ordinance, 1911.

An Ordinance to amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900.

An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1902.

An Ordinance to amend the Deportation Ordinance, 1917.

The Attorney-General is to move the third reading of:—

An Ordinance to amend the law relating to intoxicating liquors.

"With such benefits arising from the acquisition of Saiwan and with such advances possible, we have no hesitation in making a strong appeal for funds for Saiwan. I may say that I hope that all *bona fide* scouts, Chinese, Japanese, and foreign will be able to benefit from Saiwan and also I should like to point out that there is, in scouting, no class, racial or religious discrimination. "We aim at \$50,000 in order to equip the place thoroughly and to endow it, and at least \$20,000 is needed as soon as possible to pay off the mortgage and to deal with immediate necessities. We have already had a generous gift of \$1,000 and another of \$10 sterling from Japanese scouts passing through, and only this afternoon a gift of \$10 from parent whose son at Home in England is nobly practising his scout ideals under very difficult circumstances." (Applause.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following Officers and Members of the Council were elected:—
President.—Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.
Vice-President.—Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E.

Members.—Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Messrs. G. Burnett, B. Wylie, C. Champkin, T. N. Chau, C. G. H. Christian, B. M. Dyer, A. S. Mitchell, Ng Sze Kwong, E. Ralphs, W. H. Smith, P. Talati, Wong Kwong Tin, W. E. L. Shen-ton, A. Owen Hughes, A. el Arculli, C. E. H. Beavis, J. P. Braga, da Rosa, Kwok Siu Lau, Dr. Chau, Sir Shou-son Chow, Sir H. E. Pollock, Sir H. C. Gollan, K.C., Commodore, R. A. S. Hill, R.N., Mr. W. H. Horrell, Sir J. H. Kemp, Mr. T. H. King, Lt.-Col. T. A. Robertson, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Southern, Dr. S. W. Tao, Bishop Valartia, Bishop of Victoria, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, and representatives of the Tung Wah Hospital, South China A.A. and the Chinese A.A.
Hon. Treasurer.—Messrs. T. N. Chau and D. Black.
Hon. Secretary.—Mr. A. S. Mitchell.
Assistant and Badge Secretary.—Mr. Ip Choi Hing.

KWANGSI LEADERS FALL OUT.

REPORTED DISSENSION.

A VERY COMPLICATED SITUATION.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, December 19.

The anti-Kwangsi war is being prosecuted with great energy. General Chen Tsai Tong has to-day moved his field headquarters from Samshui to Shuihing, preparatory to a drive on to Wuchow. The whole West River between Samshui and Shuihing, is alive with water transport which will shortly proceed up to Wuchow under naval escort.

Latest reports are that Admiral Chen Chak's flotilla has recaptured Takking. In a day or two there will be no more Kwangsi troops on Kwangtung soil, judging from their rapid retreat.

It is reported that elaborate defences are being erected in Wuchow, and that the Kwangsi men will make a stand there. The Canton Higher Command is making big preparations for the assault.

KWANGSI'S TROUBLE.

Dissension among the Kwangsi leaders is reported. It is said that Li Ming Shui and Yue Tsok Pak have formed an alliance against Wong Shiu Hung, Li Tsung Jen and other members of the old Kwangsi clique. It will be remembered that Wong Shiu Hung and the Kwangsi clique were driven out of power last May by Yue Tsok Pak and Li Ming Shui, with the help of the Canton Government. Yue Tsok Pak was the head of the civil administration and Li Ming Shui had charge of all the military affairs of the Province, until they turned against Canton and joined hands with their old enemies—the Kwangsi clique and the "Iron-sides."

Li Ming Shui and Yue Tsok Pak are now reported to be in occupation of Nanning and Linchow, and it is said that their men are now attacking the positions of Wong Shiu Hung.

It is thought that this upheaval was in no small measure responsible for Kwangsi's rapid retreat. The whole situation is admittedly complicated and at present no prediction is possible as to the outcome of this constant grouping and regrouping.

It is rumoured that Li Ming Shui and Yue Tsok Pak are again seeking an alliance with Chen Tsai Tong for the expulsion of leaders of the Kwangsi clique from Kwangsi, but this is denied in official circles here.

CANTON TROOPS PUSH ON.

ESTIMATE OF THE ENEMY STRENGTH.

According to the vernacular Press, the "Iron-sides" have been reduced to about six thousand men and the Kwangsi troops to about ten thousand. Over twenty thousand of the Kwangsi "Iron-sides" are retreating towards Kwongning from Szewu on their way to Kwangsi with Kwangtung troops in pursuit. The Kwangsi troops are retreating towards Wuchow. The Kwangtung troops, have captured Lukpo and Yuetshing to the west of Shuihing.

The Kwangtung troops are advancing in three directions against Kwangsi. The middle route is along the West River with Wuchow as the first objective, the right wing is advancing on Kwangning with Waichap at the extreme west of Kwangsi as the objective and the left wing is heading towards Sum-kai in southern Kwangsi. Generals Chen Tsai Tong and Chu Shao Liang, the commander-in-chief and vice-commander of the Canton troops will personally direct the operations.

The Canton naval forces which have played a big part in defending Samshui and in the whole campaign have organized an "advance" fleet to attack Wuchow.

WEST RIVER BLOCKED.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

It is reported from Wuchow that Kwangsi forces are blocking the river between North Bank and Chicken Basket.

It is also reported that General Seng Chei Kei, commanding the 1st Division of 1st Advance Army and Hui Cheung Mo, commanding 2nd Division of 2nd Advance Army were killed.

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BRITISH SCEPTICISM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 18.
The Morning Post City Editor says that city circles are sceptical as to the Nanking Administrative Yuan's decision to take over foreign steamship companies operating in Chinese waters. They point out that the Yangtze, and the coast of China is infested by pirates, who are only kept in check by foreign gunboats.

They consider the Chinese acquisition of control of foreign shipping unworkable, because in face of the unwillingness of foreign interests to sell out, the Chinese would be compelled to reorganise the required shipping themselves. This would take many years to accomplish.

NO MERCY FOR TANG
SENG CHI.PEKING HEADQUARTERS
CLOSED UP.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Dec. 18.
Acting upon instructions from Nanking, the local military authorities have closed up and sealed Tang Seng Chi's headquarters here, disarming and arresting Tang's guards.

CONSULS AT BUCHATU.

BARGA AREA HELD BY
SOVIET.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Dec. 18.
From Harbin, it is learned that the international train returned to Buchatu, arriving yesterday afternoon.

The Consular representatives, it is believed, have given up hope of getting through to Hailar to accomplish their mission.

Mongols in Charge.

PEKING, Dec. 18.
Reports that the Barga area, west of Heilungkiang, is no longer under Chinese control, appear to be confirmed by Harbin reports. C.E.R. authorities have stated that they cannot guarantee the safety of the international train beyond Minluho, as they have no employees westward of that place.

Chinese reports declare that on Saturday last Russian troops fought and disarmed a body of the anti-Russian Mongolian Self Defence Corps at Hailar. The following day the Russians invited the pro-Russian Young Mongols Party to enter and take charge of Hailar.

Conference Snags.

Chinese sources report that Tsai Yun Sheng is now conversing with Molotov and Smanovsky at Harbin. They are reported to be discussing the occupation of the western section of the C.E.R. Russians declaring that there were no regular Russians in that area, only Mongols with whom they had no connections.

The delegates are said to have disagreed on the matter of railway guards, each demanding that its own soldiers perform this duty.

INDIA'S FINANCES.

A COMPLAINT AND AN
EXPLANATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.
A delegation of the India Merchants' Chamber to-day waited on Sir George Schuster, Finance Member of the Viceroy's Council. They complained that the financial situation of India had not improved, and deflations this year totalled twenty crores of rupees (£12,000,000).

Sir George Schuster said it was unfair to take only what had been done during the slack season. They must also include the preceding months, when currency expanded. Thus, the net contraction since November 30, 1928, was £12,000,000 including a hidden contraction against silver sales.

In this connection, he announced that in view of public criticism of the practice the hidden contraction against silver sales was discontinued from December 1st.

LIBERALS ON THE
OFFENSIVE.OBJECTIONS TO COAL
BILL.

CONCESSIONS LIKELY.

[REUTER AND BRITISH WIRELESS.]

LONDON, Dec. 17.
In the House of Commons Mr. William Graham was loudly cheered by Labour members, moving the second reading of the Coal Mines' Bill, he initiated a critical debate, which will terminate on December 19.

It is predicted that the debate will not end disastrously for the Government, in view of the reluctance of the Opposition at present to provoke a clash with Liberals, who have only committed themselves to opposing the marketing proposals "in their present form." Critics anticipate Governmental concessions, which would facilitate the aversion of a crisis.

The Bill Explained.

Mr. Wm. Graham, President of the Board of Trade, moved, in the House of Commons the second reading of the Coal Mines' Bill. He said he was satisfied from contact with many of the highest experts in the coal industry that, if there were some kind of order instead of chaos, this country would win its way back in the European markets; not perhaps to the extent it enjoyed in pre-war times, but to some extent.

The Bill provided for the setting up of a national scheme of marketing for the purpose of co-ordinating district schemes.

This national scheme was representative of owners in all areas in Great Britain. It was the duty of this national body to arrive at what in their view was an aggregate British demand for coal, or the amount of coal over a reasonable period which, in their judgment, could be sold at a remunerative level, and then they would make allocation to different districts of the country in terms of what those districts had been doing.

Part of the criticism of the Bill had been directed to the fact that the levy which the Bill provided could be imposed by a central body upon district boards for the purpose of facilitating the sale of coal for export. The object was to enable the coal industry in Great Britain to compete at world prices, which for this purpose were European prices.

It was not proposed to subsidise coal in the ordinary sense. With regard to the reduction of miners' hours from eight to seven and a half, he said that with goodwill this could be met without a reduction of wages.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, former President of the Board of Trade, moved the rejection of the Bill.

A Liberal Threat.

LONDON, Dec. 17.
After Mr. Graham had spoken for two hours without a note, Sir Herbert Samuel, in tones suggesting an ultimatum, asked the Government a series of questions regarding the Coal Mines' Bill, which he declared would tax the Briton to the benefit of the foreigner, and intimated that the Liberal vote on December 19 would depend on the Government's answer.

Reuter's Lobby correspondent believes that the Government is likely to make certain concessions to the Liberal viewpoint.

Consumers' Interests.

The queries by Sir Herbert Samuel dealt with the main Liberal objection, namely the risk of increasing prices of coal to the consumers. He asked whether the Government was prepared to secure that there should be a really effective control of prices in the public interest.

Mr. Ben Turner, Minister of Mines answered other questions, but did not reply to this. Pressed by Sir Herbert Samuel, however, Mr. Turner replied that the matter would be borne in mind, and possibly observations made on Thursday.

RUNNYMEDE GIVEN TO
THE NATION.

A GENEROUS ACTION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 18.
In order to preserve for ever the site where the Magna Carta was signed by King John, and to honour the memory of the late Mr. Urban Broughton, his elder son, Lord Fairhaven, and other members of the Broughton family have presented to the National Trust 180 acres of land on the banks of the Thames near Egham, including Runnymede.

NATIVE RIOTS IN
NIGERIA.45 KILLED WHEN TROOPS
OPEN FIRE.

TAXATION TROUBLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 18.
According to information received in London, disturbances have occurred in the Nigeria towns of Opebo and Abu, where 45 natives were killed, after rioting. The casualties include 19 women. The latter fomented the agitation, and organised attacks on some of the Government buildings and the Treasury House.

Apparently the troops were ordered to fire over the heads of the crowds, but the orders were misinterpreted, and a volley fired into the midst of the mob.

The trouble is believed to be due to low prices of produce, and the prospect of further taxation.

LATER.

It is learned from the Colonial Office that all measures necessary to the security of those concerned in the disturbances in Nigeria are being taken.

Apparently there was a misunderstanding with regard to the imposition of a poll tax. A big demonstration of natives including thousands of women, were assured that such a tax would not be levied, but did not accept the assurance and refused to disperse. Then the trouble began.

"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"
LAUNCHED.BIG LINER FOR PACIFIC
RUN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 18.
The three-funnelled twin-screw oil-burning liner, the C.P.R.'s "Empress of Japan," was launched at Glasgow to-day.

She is of 26,000 tons burthen, has a passenger capacity of 664, and will be the largest and fastest liner regularly plying the Pacific Ocean.

A JOB FOR DIOGENES.

DICTATORSHIP TROUBLES
IN SPAIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MADRID, Dec. 18.
General Primo de Rivera, in a newspaper interview referring to rumours of the imminent end of the Dictatorship, said he would remain at his post cost what it may, even if his health suffered.

He added, "If it could be arranged, with the help of honest and intelligent men, to ensure order and prosperity, the Dictatorship would efface itself, perhaps as early as next year."

"For a moment there will be no brusque change, but a methodical system of stepping stones, obviating all risks."

NAVAL CONFERENCE
MATTERS.A CONSULTATION IN
WASHINGTON.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.
The American and Japanese delegates to the London Conference conferred yesterday at Mr. Stimson's residence.

A State Department communiqué states "There was a frank and friendly discussion, and Mr. Stimson and Mr. Watsuki expressed optimistic hopes that the successful termination of the conference would increase mutual goodwill."

Paris, Dec. 18.
The five principal members of the French delegation to the Naval Conference in London will be MM. Tardieu, Briand, Leygues, Pietri, and Philippe Berthelot.

AMERICAN MINING
DISASTER.

TERRIBLE DEATH ROLL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 17.
Sixty-two miners were killed in an explosion in a coal mine at north McAlester in Oklahoma. Only two were found alive.

LATER.

So far 23 bodies, most badly mangled, have been recovered from the mine. The miners are mostly Mexicans and negroes.

Three Mexican miners had a miraculous escape. They were found alive, but injured. Some of the men appear to have run long distances frantically attempting to escape the fumes of gas. This made rescue work difficult.

Eleven rescue parties are taking turns coming up and entering the mine.

NEW SCANDAL IN
JAPAN.CHARGES OF GRAFT
IN KOREA.

EX-GOVERNOR INDICTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Dec. 18.
General Hanzu Yamanaishi has been indicted on a charge of corruption during his Governor-Generalship of Korea.

It is explained that he is charged with accepting bribes in connection with the establishment of a rice exchange at Fusan, and also with allowing his subordinates to indulge in graft, in connection with land purchase, and other matters.

THE "EXALTED OFFICIAL"

According to information appearing in Japanese newspapers some weeks ago, the main facts in this latest scandal are as follows:—In December last year, Kawasaki Tokusuke, a Tokyo rice merchant, met a man named Hida and a "former high official" at the Tai-shotei Restaurant, Ochan-cho, Yotsuya, and handed them ¥20,000. Several days later Kawasaki handed over ¥50,000 at the mansion of the "high official." A further sum of ¥40,000, making in all ¥110,000, was made later on in exchange for a note from a certain influential politician. The last ¥40,000 went directly into the hands of a political party and the other ¥70,000 found its way into the pockets of the leader of a political party through the hands of the "exalted official." The objects aimed at in the delivery of the money was a charter for a Rice Exchange at Fusan and the sale of Government land. A new Ordinance governing exchanges came into force, however, and this made it impossible for the plan to be put through.

Legal proceedings being threatened Hida and the "high official" tried to tide over their difficulties and pacify Kawasaki and his friends by diverting their attention to the sale of the Government land, which, they said, came directly within the authority of the "exalted official." The scandal, however, gradually became known and they had to disgorge the ¥70,000, through a certain influential party in Tokyo, who is brother-in-law to the wife of the "exalted official." In addition the refund of ¥26,000 was made at the residence of a certain member of the Diet.

The leading figures in the scandal are Oma Rikken, under arrest in Tokyo, Hida Rikichi, in jail in Seoul, and now General Hanzu Yamanaishi himself. It is alleged that on the appointment of General Yamanaishi as Governor-General of Korea high officials of the Seoul Government began to frequent geisha restaurants day and night and squander money very freely.

Oma alone is said to have expended ¥5,000 in a short time. Other high officials and Hida are said to have spent a similar amount, and if the gold squandered in spears by canvassers in feasting Hida, Oma, and the other officials in order to hunt for special rights in Korea through the efforts of these parties were put together, the amount would reach a huge sum. The Seoul Court has been inspecting the books of the leading geisha houses in Seoul to provide evidence of the money expended on their pleasures.

According to the Seoul authorities the money remitted, deposited in banks, and taken to Japan by the "exalted official," Hida, and Oma exceeds ¥300,000. Another ¥100,000 is believed to have gone into the hands of the "exalted official" and Oma. The authorities found a serious discrepancy between this total of over ¥400,000 and the amount of money traced, and were of opinion that more and greater scandals are yet to be revealed.

NIGHT OF TERROR IN
FRANKFURT.UNEMPLOYED ON THE
RAMPAGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRANKFURT, Dec. 18.
A night of terror followed a demonstration last night near the City Hall, where the municipality were discussing the question of Christmas relief for the unemployed.

Police used revolvers and dispersed the demonstrators, but the rioting continued all night. The mobs smashed shop windows and tried to loot shops, whilst stones and other missiles were hurled at the police from the street, from windows and from roofs.

Many police, onlookers, and rioters were injured, and 30 arrests made. Meanwhile, a stormy meeting in the City Council granted one million marks as a special relief.

NEW YORK CRASH
RESULT.EMPLOYEES XMAS BONUS
CUT DOWN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

New York, Dec. 5.—A survey completed to-day indicated that the Christmas bonuses paid by Wall Street firms to their employees will average about half the amounts paid last year, on account of many losses suffered by firms on the New York Stock Exchange.

Another factor will be the fact that employees were paid an unusually high rate overtime during the period of the crash in October.

POWERS' NAVAL
STRENGTH.AN INCREASE IN AIR
FORCES.

BASES CLOSED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 17.
In the House of Commons at question time Mr. W. H. Ayles (Lab. Bristol) asked to what extent Great Britain, France and Italy had increased their naval power since 1921 as regards ships and tonnage, naval bases and naval air forces.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord, replied that all three had decreased their fleets both as regards ships and tonnage since 1921. As regards naval bases, Great Britain had closed down eight bases in the British Isles. To the contrary, development at Singapore had begun. So far as was known, France and Italy remained practically stationary.

He believed that France had closed down her base at Port de France, Martinique. Italy had established two small bases, and the naval air forces of the three countries had subsequently increased, but comparable figures were unavailable.

Singapore Base Costs.

Mr. Philip Snowden said that the estimated cost of the Singapore base was approximately £11,600,000 of which £3,000,000 would fall on the Navy vote, £2,000,000 on the Army vote, and £6,600,000 on the Air vote. Contributions promised by the Dominions and Colonial Governments amounted to £3,250,000. The amount payable by the British exchequer, therefore, was approximately £8,350,000.

These figures were subject to possible revision before the Naval Conference.

ARGENTINE EXCHANGE
MEASURES.PROS AND CONS OF GOLD
EXPORTATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.
It is learned from Buenos Aires that the Government decision to close the Caja de Conversion (Official Gold Office) to prevent the further restriction of Argentine currency through the exportation of gold, is regarded by financial experts as an expedient of doubtful efficacy, likely to aggravate the already serious business conditions in the Argentine.

It may also have repercussions abroad, notably in the United States, whose exports to Argentine would suffer heavily, as the unfavourable effect on the Argentine exchange would materially raise the cost of everything purchased in dollars.

On the other hand, Argentine cattle-growers, also firms which have practically monopolised the grain export business, profit by the advance of the exchange rate of the peso.

RUSSO-TURKISH AMITY.

CONDITIONS OF THE PACT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 17.
On the occasion of the signature of the Protocol of the Russo-Turkish Friendship Pact, Mustafa Kemal presented Karakhan with a number of gifts as a mark of friendly esteem. The Pact thus renewed was concluded in Paris in 1925, when the fate of Mosul was being debated at the Lausanne Conference, and was due to expire on January 2, 1930.

It provides neutrality in the event of military action against the other party; agreement of non-participation in any political, military, naval or economic coalition against the other party, and complete freedom of action in neutral relations with other Powers in so far as they conflict with the specified undertakings.

Karakhan will spend two days in Constantinople before leaving for Moscow on December 19.

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NO NEWS OF R.A.F.
FLYERS.BUT NO ANXIETY
AS YET.

A LONG JOURNEY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 18.
At mid-day no news had been received at the Air Ministry of the Fairey monoplane since 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. No undue anxiety is yet felt for the safety of the airmen, as it is considered likely that their silence is explained by the failure of land stations to intercept routine signals.

RUGBY, Dec. 17.

The R.A.F. officers, Squadron-Leader Jones Williams and Flight-Lieut. Jenkins in the Fairey-Napier monoplane, were reported 50 miles off the North-West coast of Sardinia at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The route after leaving Sardinia will be by way of Tunis Ghat in French Sahara; Duala in Cameroons; Benjulla in Portuguese West Africa, and Walish Bay, in South West Africa. The course selected enables the pilots to avoid mountainous country, particularly in the earlier stages.

In order to beat the existing record, it is necessary under international regulations to fly at least 100 kilometres or 62½ miles more than the French figures, so that the British pilots must fly a minimum of 4,975 miles measure on a great circle course to secure the record for Britain. This means they must reach a point in South West Africa about 30 miles south of Cunene River and about halfway between Benjulla and Walish Bay.

Emergency Measures.

The aircraft is fitted for this flight with a short wave wireless transmitting set, and will transmit routine reports giving its position every four hours at 8 o'clock, 12 o'clock, and so forth. It will transmit on 33.71 metres. It is not equipped to receive messages during the flight. Private wireless stations are therefore asked to refrain from transmitting on this wave length as they are liable to cause jamming and may thus prevent the reception of an urgent message.

There is always the possibility of a forced landing. To meet such emergency the airmen are equipped with sporting guns and ammunition. They have also with them curious scimitar shaped knives (parangs), by means of which they will be able to cut their way through the jungle if necessary.

CHALLE'S FLIGHT ENDS.

A STRUGGLE WITH HEAD
WINDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 17.
Mr. Leon Challe, and Colonel Larre Borges, of the Uruguayan Air Service, crashed near Marajac, in Rio Grande del Norte. It is learned from Natal that Colonel Borges has arrived at San Antonio injured. He says that M. Challe was slightly injured in the crash.

The airmen apparently encountered very strong headwinds from the time they started out from Seville. Later their difficulties were enhanced by a thick fog, and they were forced to fly blindly over the ocean until they reached the Brazilian coast.

Both Exhausted.

Both, says Colonel Borges, were exhausted after forty-eight hours of continuous flying, during which they covered more than 3,800 miles. As petrol was running very low and darkness was falling fast, they decided to land.

They came down in the middle of a wood owing to the fact that it was impossible to see clearly their whereabouts. The plane overturned and was destroyed.

Immediately on hearing the news of the mishap, the head of the Brazilian air mail service despatched an aeroplane to Marajac, which is a small village, near Natal, at the extreme north-easterly tip of South America, near Touro, where Ferrarin and Del Prete, the Italian airmen, landed after their record-breaking flight from Rome in July, 1928.

Lost Their Way.

It seems that Challe and Borges lost their way after striking the coast.

They landed in a forest region some sixty miles beyond the seashore—towards evening. They had been in the air for practically two days.

The machine overturned on landing. The airmen had no idea of their whereabouts, but fortunately a group of horsemen riding to the east from the interior came upon them quite by accident.

The spot was so remote from habitations of any description that it was several hours before the horsemen were able to get into touch with Natal and the Governor of Rio Grande do Norte.

Costes' Record.

MARSEILLE, Dec. 17.
Costes and Codos flew on a closed circuit between Narbonne and Avignon and landed at Istres aerodrome, having covered 5,000 miles in 54 hours 40 minutes. They still had much petrol in the tanks, despite the fact that a violent mistral storm was raging for the latter part of the flight. France now holds two world's major air records, both standing to the credit of Costes.

Telegram in Brief.

The death is announced, from Lisbon, of Marshal Gomeza Costa, ex-Dictator of the Portuguese Republic, who commanded a Portuguese division in France in the Great War.

Mayor "Jimmy" Walker, just re-elected Mayor of New York City, has recommended himself an increase of salary from £3,000 to £8,000 per annum.

At a meeting of the American Section of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners, after a speech by the President regarding the critical state of the industry, it was decided to recommend all spinners of American cotton to close their mills from December 23, to December 29, inclusive.

A new Tariff Bill to be submitted to the Egyptian Parliament includes duties on cotton goods varying according to categories. The duties range from eighteen to forty-two millimes per net kilogramme on unbleached goods, from twenty-seven to seventy millimes per kilogramme on bleached goods, from thirty to 105 millimes per kilogramme on coloured goods, and from thirty-six to 180 millimes on all-printed materials.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE
SHOCKS.ALEUTIAN ISLANDS
THE CENTRE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PADUA, Dec. 17.

Violent earthquake shocks occurring about 5,500 miles away, lasting for three hours were registered on the seismographs at Padua University to-day.

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.

A severe earthquake, apparently centred in the Aleutian Islands, off Alaska, where the volcanoes recently have been exceedingly active, have been recorded on seismographs all over the United States.

The shocks were of three hours' duration. They began at 03.07 Pacific Time. The shock was so severe that the needle of the seismograph at Washington University was put out of action for ten minutes. Similar shocks were recorded all over Canada.

In South Africa.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 17.

A heavy fall of rock at Village Deep mine followed a severe earthquake to-day. Three natives were killed and twenty-one injured. One European was injured.

AUSTRALIAN MINING
DISPUTE.

ASSEMBLY DEBATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, Dec. 17.

"Call that peaceful picketing!" indignantly asked the Minister of Mines, Mr. Weaver, at the Assembly debate on the disturbances at Rothbury, asserting that although a vast attack occurred in the morning, demonstrators would not allow the doctors to enter the grounds and attend the wounded policeman until four in the afternoon.

The debate, which was very heated, terminated by the rejection by 44 votes to 41 of a Labour motion censuring the Government.

Many thousands of miners attended the funeral of their mate, Brown, killed yesterday. The Anglican Bishop officiating, said that Brown was a man of whom any nation might be proud.

The demonstration passed off quietly, although police dispersed with batons a party attempting to approach Parliament House.

The coalowners have rejected the compulsory conference's proposals to settle the coal dispute, which has now been referred to an Arbitration Court, meeting on Thursday.

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Sports News

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

ROYAL ARMY TO MEET THE NAVY AT SOOKUNPOO.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR TO KICK OFF.

The Annual match for Services Charities will be played to-day on the Garrison ground at Sookunpoo, at 4 p.m.

H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.O.M.G., has kindly consented to kick off.

From 3.30 p.m., by kind permission of the Commander-in-Chief, China Station, the massed bands of H.M. ships Kent, Berwick and Hermes will play selections on the ground.

The following players have been selected:—
Royal Navy: Jarvis, McGregor and Jones; Pugsley, Tilley and Sturdivant; Van Tromp, Firth, Cann, Stephenson and Dickinson.
Army: Fletcher, Oliver and Reeves; Everest, West and Joyce; Rayson, Stock, Gill, Bewley-Bull and Butcher.

Referee: Mr. W. E. Hollands.

LEAGUE POSTPONEMENTS.

Two games in the Hong Kong League, Division II, were down to be played yesterday but both were postponed. The R.A. Reserves and H. P. O. Rodwell turned out at the Sookunpoo ground, but as St. Joseph's Reserves failed to field a team the game had to be called off.

The Club de Recreo notified the S.L.F. Reserves that they were unable to field a side and this game was also called off.

SUNDAY HERALD INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP.

The following have been chosen to represent England against Scotland on Boxing Day in the above competition. Kick off Hong Kong F.C. ground at 3.30 p.m.

Jarvis, Wynne and Jones; Hedley, West and Bliss; Van Tromp, Firth, Goldman (Capt.), Bewley-Pull and Dickinson.

Reserves:—Reeves, Everest, Knapp, Rayson and Butcher.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

ADAMSON CUP—DECEMBER COMPETITION.

F. E. Bookers 78-10=62 qualifies.

Other scores:—

E. M. Hanlon 86-18=68
A. E. Charman 88-20=68
A. Brooksbank 88-18=70
S. E. Edgar 89-22=77
J. H. Gelling 102-21=78

Qualifying competitions in 1930 will be held from the first Saturday in each month till the Tuesday 10 days later.

CRICKET.

COMBINED LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS.

The following have been chosen to represent the above teams on Sunday on the Club de Recreo ground at 11 a.m.:—

The Combined League:—W. Brace (Capt.), Sq.Ldr. Bounphrey, E. R. Fincher, E. Goodwin, S. R. Kermani, A. H. Madar, Lieut. Maxwell, U. A. Omar, Capt. J. R. Reynolds, A. A. Rumjahn and Lieut. Stephenson.

The Hong Kong Volunteers:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), A. O. I. Bowker, G. E. R. Divett, E. C. Fincher, J. R. Hinton, W. C. Hung, D. R. Kelly, O. Moor, A. Reid, J. E. Richardson and F. I. Zimmer.

H.K.C.C. CLUB MATCH.

The following sides have been selected for the "Over 30" v. "Under 30" match on Saturday:—
Over 30:—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), W. W. Mackenzie, E. J. R. Mitchell, G. E. Sillitoe, E. R. Duckitt, R. K. Hepburn, R. C. Strachey, A. Reid, S. J. Jordan, H. R. Remington, and J. R. Collis.
Under 30:—A. C. I. Bowker (Capt.), J. R. Hinton, A. C. Beck, G. P. Lammert, G. E. R. Divett, H. V. Barker, H. J. Armstrong, O. Moor, O. E. C. Martin, W. Harris Walker, and J. H. Ashworth.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

TO BEGIN NEXT FEBRUARY.

The Hong Kong Cricket Club annual tennis tournament will be held on the Cricket Ground, commencing on Monday, February 10, 1930.

The events are as follows:—

1.—Men's Championship Singles.—Entrance fee, \$3. Open to any player resident in the Colony. Challenge Cup kindly presented by the late Sir C. P. Chater, to be held for one year and won outright if won by the same player three years in succession. (Holder, Mr. M. W. Lo 1929). Five set matches.

2.—Men's Championship Doubles.—Entrance fee, \$3 each player. Open to any player resident in the Colony. Two Challenge Cups kindly presented by Mr. Ho Kom Tong, to be held for one year and won outright if won by the same pair three years in succession. (Holders, Messrs. H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn 1929).

The Committee reserve to themselves the right to restrict the number of entries in the above events if too numerous. Five set matches.

Club Events.

The following events are open to members and subscribers of the Club only:—

3.—Club Championship.—Entrance fee, \$2.50. All rounds best of 3 sets, except semi-finals and final, best of 5 sets.

4.—Handicap Singles "A".—Entrance fee, \$2.50.

5.—Handicap Singles "B".—Entrance fee, \$2.50.

The Committee reserve the right to make one class of Events 4 and 5 and to put any player in either event.

6.—Handicap Doubles.—Entrance fee, \$2 each player.

The Committee reserve the right to make two classes of Event 6 if there are a large number of entries.

7.—Mixed Handicap Doubles.—Entrance fee, \$2 each player.

The Rules.

Entries close on Saturday, January 13, 1930.

Holders of Challenge Cups wishing to take part must enter and play from commencement.

No entry drawn if fees are unpaid.

Non-playing members may enter for Events 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 upon payment of \$1 extra entrance fee for each event.

Ladies, whose husbands are not members or subscribers of the Cricket Club, or who, if unmarried, are not living with some relative who is a member or subscriber, cannot enter for Event No. 7 unless the Committee give special permission.

The Committee reserve the right to make any by-laws, conditions and regulations in respect of the tournament.

The Ground will be available for matches on such days as it is not required for cricket, due notice of such dates will be given.

The balls used throughout the tournament, will be Slazengers Sticklees.

ITALIAN GIANT WINS.

BETTER BOXING SHOWN.

[THROUGH REVUE'S AGENCY.]

LOXDOX, Dec. 17.

At the Albert Hall last night, before 8,000 spectators Primo Carnera, the giant Italian, defeated the German Franz Diener, the referee stopping the fight in the sixth round. The contest was for 15 rounds.

Throwing off his freakishness and fending ferociously which marred his previous displays, Primo Carnera delighted and surprised the crowd with a clean cut victory, the result of which was not in doubt from the first gong.

By using a fencing and stabbing left to the German's face, he felt his way by boxing instead of fighting, until finding the German completely lacking any form of defence to the jaw, he played upon Diener's face from start to finish the whole of the six rounds, until both eyes were almost closed, his mouth bleeding and his features unrecognisable. A one-sided contest was mercifully stopped by Matt Wells, the referee.

Jose Santa, the Portuguese heavyweight champion, fought a draw with Jack Stanley of England.

KOWLOON JUNIOR SCHOOL.

YESTERDAY'S PRIZE-GIVING.

The Kowloon Junior School held its prize-day yesterday, when Mrs. Dyer presented the awards, a large number of patents and friends being present.

The Headmistress, Miss M. Cooper, B.A., read an interesting report, showing that the year had been a record for the number of pupils on the roll and that the removal of the school from the Gun Club Hill had been successfully carried out.

THE REPORT.

Miss Cooper's Report stated:—This is our first prize-giving to be held at "Parkside" and we welcome you all to our new home. We removed here from Gun Club Hill in January of this year, as the Military needed the premises, and I think you will all agree that we have benefited by the change. The large tennis court is especially delightful as a playground for the small children. Next year we hope to have a playshed erected, where the Gymnastic and Singing lessons can be given, and to be used as an Assembly Hall.

Attendance.

The number on the roll has risen from 100 in January to 119 in December—a record, as our highest previous enrolment was 104 in 1923.

Staff.

In January, Miss Cooper, the Headmistress, went on leave and Miss Hendry took charge of the school. Mrs. Johnston was transferred to King's College and Miss Smith came in her place. In February Mrs. Woodward was transferred to Queen's College and Mrs. Heath to Yaumati School and Miss Benington and Miss Karlsake were appointed here. Miss George left to be married on February 23 and Miss Steele, who had been on the Staff of Quarry Bay School, took over her work on April 8. Mrs. Hooper was reappointed on May 6. In November 8 Miss Cooper, the Headmistress, returned from leave, and Miss Hendry was transferred to the Central British School.

Visits of Inspectors, &c.

During the year the Director of Education, Mr. Brawn, Inspector of Schools, and Members of the Board of Education, visited the school and saw the work done in the various classes.

Dr. Minett, the School Medical Officer, inspected the children three times in January, May and October, and gave useful advice relating to individual cases of imperfect health.

Health.

There was an epidemic of "Chicken-pox" in the Spring term and one case of Diphtheria in December. Otherwise the health of the school was satisfactory throughout the year.

Miss Dyer, the Games Mistress, weighed and measured the children at the beginning and end of the term and reported very favourably on their progress.

Examinations.

Eleven pupils were entered for the examination of the Royal Drawing Society in June—nine for preparatory and two for division one and all passed. Of those seven were awarded honours in the preparatory division and one in division one. Twenty-three have qualified to enter the Central British School.

General.

A class termed "The Remove" has been formed at the Central British School, for those children, who are too old to remain at the Junior Schools or to be admitted to them.

Fire drill has been taken regularly. On the last occasion the building was cleared and the roll called within 1½ minutes.

Mr. Ralph's Report.

February 27 and July 10 were "Open Days." Mr. Ralph, the Director of Education, has reported as follows:—

"I visited the school yesterday, July 10, the occasion being an 'Open Day.' Many parents were present and were given an opportunity of seeing the children at work, and of inspecting work already done. I found everything very satisfactory and was much pleased with the school generally."

I am re-organising the Library and hope to extend it. I shall be grateful for contributions of books, magazines and illustrated papers from parents and friends—particularly from those who are dismantling their homes on their departure from the Colony.

Thanks Helpers.

I wish to thank Mrs. Dyer who has generously contributed to the prize fund and Messrs. Der A Wing who presented drawings and painting Materials. I also must thank the Rev. J. Horace Johnston for the use of chairs, the Kowloon Dock Co. for the decorations (flags, etc.), Mr. Seath, for an interesting talk on sugar and the gift of specimens and illustrations and Lieut. Col. Robertson for sending up a "Punch and Judy Show" to entertain the children.

(Continued on next column.)

FOUR ROBBERS ON TRIAL.

ALL FOUND GUILTY BY THE JURY.

DELAYS IN THE TRIAL QUERIED.

In the opening case at the Criminal Sessions before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) yesterday, five Chinese were on trial for robbery. The fifth man was charged with aiding and abetting by opening the door for the robbers, but this was denied by the accused. In the course of the trial this accused was discharged owing to lack of evidence.

Outlining the case, Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney General, said that the robbery took place at 4.30 a.m. on October 6 at 869, Canton Road, occupied by a firewood dealer, his wife and a fooki. The inmates were told to keep quiet and a pair of rattan bangles was taken from the woman. The robbers apparently made some noise which disturbed the people living above. A police whistle was blown and the robbers ran away.

Suspect Fatally Wounded.

The alarm brought a Chinese constable to the scene, just as three of the robbers were leaving the premises. The constable gave chase, and when his order for the men to stop was not heeded, he fired, wounding one of the robbers. This man died the next day at the Kowloon Hospital.

The same morning, Inspector Fallon and a Chinese detective went to the hospital to take a statement from the wounded man. On the hillside they met three men who were acting in a suspicious manner. They were taken, for investigation, and made a statement which connected them with the robbery. The other two men were arrested the same day.

Queried by the Judge.

His Lordship pointed out that the accused were apparently in custody from October 9 to November 22 before any evidence was offered against them. He asked for the reason for delay in bringing them for trial.

Mr. Fitzroy said that the delay seemed to be due entirely to the Magistrate having many cases to deal with and being unable to find time for the initial hearing. It was very unfortunate that people were kept waiting occasionally.

His Lordship said he was not suggesting that the officers of the Crown were responsible for the delay.

His Lordship: What has been done in the case of the man who was killed? Has an enquiry been held.

Mr. Fitzroy: I understand that an enquiry will be held after the present trial. I do not know why; it appears to me that an enquiry should have been held after the man's death.

After hearing evidence, the jury found all the four accused guilty. His Lordship sentenced each of the accused to three years' hard labour and 20 strokes of the birch.

PRIZE LIST.

Class 7.—Henry Bunje, first final exam.; Peter Clark, second final exam.; Margaret Gow, Needlework; William Macfarlane, drawing and handwork; Margaret Bell, team leader; Henry Bunje, team leader; Ian Kempton, geography and handwork.

Class 7B.—Hester Heath, first general progress.

Class 8.—Evelyn Lindenmayer, first girl final exam.; Adolf Krankle, first boy final exam.; James Dykes, handwork and neatness; Geoffrey Otten, mental arithmetic and progress; Peggy Eccleshall, general progress.

Class 9A.—Joyce Brewin, first in class; Helen Taylor, second in class; Jack Stokes, third in class; Doreen Brown, handwork; Francis Crabbe, general progress.

Class 9B.—Jenny Felshaw, first in class; Dulcie Forbes, second in class; Evelyn Morrison, third in class; Katherine Whyte-Smith, general progress and handwork; Dorothy Marlow, general progress and handwork; Gaylor Kelly, general progress and handwork; Malcolm Hale, general progress and handwork; David Reid, general progress.

Class 10A.—Jean Girardot, first boy; Dorothy McCaw, first girl; Evelyn Rousseau, handwork; Esther Reiton, progress; Douglas Iffa, good conduct.

Class 10B.—Margaret Swan, first girl; Jimmy Otten, first boy; Mary Cuthill, second girl; Graham Crookdrake, second boy; Dolores Hensley, general progress; Jack Egan, general progress; Vera Stimson, good work and conduct; Audrey Bailey, good work and conduct; Louis Lindenmeyer, handwork.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I am obliged to "R.B." for so kindly attempting to answer my recent query, "What is Christianity?" He tells me it is the teaching given by Christ in his words and actions as recorded in the four Gospels. But these records do not agree—so where are we?

As a matter of historical evidence, not a single detail of Christ's life is known to us. For nearly two centuries New Testament critics (friendly ones) have been trying to construct a plausible life of Jesus, but without success. We are told that ordinary historical methods are inapplicable—and I think I understand why. It is because the material available is so conflicting, so meagre, and so contradictory that it is hopeless to expect any concrete result. More compromise is the only result of such well-meaning efforts—and more confusion.

So it is with the teaching—nobody can be quite positive as to what it was Christ taught, hence the serious disagreements between Christian sects as to what is, and is not, vital and fundamental. "R.B." throws overboard St. Paul and the Old Testament as not being of any great importance, but some of his co-religionists would cheerfully hang him (if they could) for such blasphemy, so I am still left wondering—what is Christianity?—Yours, etc.,

Hong Kong, Dec. 18.

BADLY-BUILT HOUSES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—There are many blocks of Chinese houses being built in various parts of the Colony, but it is a disgrace to allow some of these houses to be built in the way they are. There is absolutely no European supervision of any sort on the buildings to superintend the work of the Chinese contractors. It is astounding the materials that are being used on these buildings. Take the mixtures of cement concrete. When the mixtures should be of one cement, two sand, and four broken stones (1: 2: 4) in accordance with the plans, the contractors are putting in 1: 4: 2; 1: 8: 2; 1: 6: 3; and very often 1: 10: 4—more sand than cement and broken stones, and the mixtures are simply put in anyhow.

The measure boxes are always kept ready near the mixing stages, but are never used excepting when the architects or the building authority are on the works; the ingredients are then measured out correctly, but immediately these people leave the buildings the "anyhow" practice is resumed. The concrete put in is too wet and the cement runs through the cracks between the boarding, leaving holes between the stones; and the bad places are patched up with cement mortar before the architects or the authority inspect the work.

Most of the aggregates are composed of decomposed granite, and every kind of soft stones and rubbish that the contractors can pick up locally. The sand and broken stones are never washed before use, and the concrete is never rammed or tamped after putting in. In many places the reinforced steel

work is not put in as it should be, a bar or two is left out, short lengths welded together, and the whole of the work badly done and not in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Much of the brick work is badly bonded with old broken bricks, and some of the walls out of plumb, and the walls are covered with plaster to hide bad work from the authority.

What can anyone expect from cheap work with native supervision? The Chinese overseers are simply in league with the contractors. Many inexperienced Chinese owners submit the labour and purchase their own building materials, and very much of it is cheap and of very inferior quality that can be procured on the local market. Most of the bricks are old and broken, bought from local dismantling contractors. The new bricks are also very inferior and of the cheapest quality; many of them are very soft and badly baked.

The building authority should make it a law that all buildings should have a European overseer continually and throughout the progress of the work, and not be left to the mercy of the Chinese owners, contractors, and their Chinese overseers to do just what they please. A penalty should be inflicted when there are no European supervisors. The Chinese owners build their houses on the "very cheap" system, and the unscrupulous ones should be strictly dealt with.

The materials used on many of the houses that have been recently built are a disgrace. If anyone could find time to inspect the new Chinese houses that the Hong Kong Land Investment Co. are building, and see the way they are being built and the materials used they would see something which is a credit to the architects and the European overseer in charge. The authority should pass a law that all owners should employ European overseers and supervisors on all their buildings, and not leave the work entirely to the cheap contractors and Chinese overseers to do just what they please.—Yours etc.,

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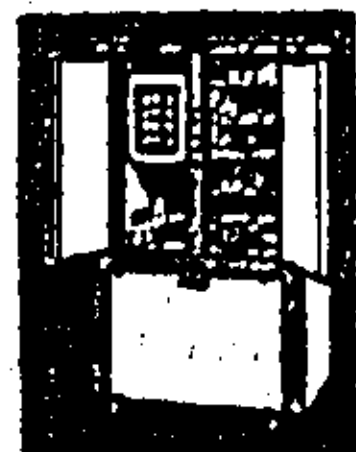
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WIDE RANGE OF SUPPLE-
MENTARY ESTIMATES.

Supplementary estimates, to a
total of \$140,888 are to be present-
ed to-day to the Finance Committee
of the Legislative Council.

A sum of \$17,000 is asked as
rent allowances for senior officers.
The increasing number of married
officers in the service and the in-
sufficient number of quarters avail-
able have caused a heavier demand
on this vote than was anticipated.
A further sum of \$17,000 is con-
sidered necessary to complete the
current year. The allowances are
paid in accordance with the regula-
tions laid down in the General
Orders of the Government.

Expenditure to October 31
amounted to \$91,215 and it is
estimated that approximately \$9,400
will be required for November and
\$11,300 for December making the
total Expenditure for the year
approximately \$112,000.

An extra \$6,000 is asked for rent
allowances to European subordi-
nate officers. The original estimate
was \$6,000.

An extra \$12,000 is required for
rent allowances to Asiatic subordi-
nate officers. The provision made
in the Estimates was \$70,000.

Asiatic subordinate officers are
entitled to rent tenements and re-
ceive rent allowances. Owing to
the growing tendency to take full
advantage of these privileges, and
to the increased number of officers
qualifying by length of service for
these allowances, the expenditure
on this sub-head has increased. In
every case the allowance granted is
within the limits prescribed. The
expenditure to end of October was
\$71,547 and the amount required
for November and December will
be approximately \$16,000.

Fall in the Dollar.

The biggest item is \$73,000 Ex-
change Compensation Allowance.
The provision made in Estimates
was \$350,000. The vote for the
year was estimated at exchange
rate of 2/-. For the purposes of
exchange compensation the rate
fell to 1/11 in March and April,
1/11 in May, 1/11 in June, 1/11
in July, August and September,
1/10 in October and 1/8 in
November. By October 31 expendi-
ture had reached \$334,034, leaving
a balance of \$15,966.

Owing to the recent further fall
in exchange the amount required
under the sliding scale authorised
in General Orders is considerably
more than this balance. A further
sum of \$78,000 is necessary to meet
allowances payable to the end of
the year at an estimated exchange
of less than 1s. 10d.

The fall in the exchange is also
mentioned in an item of \$5,000, for
Crown Agents' Commission.

Owing to increased sterling trans-
actions and the fall in exchange
the charges for Crown Agents' Com-
mission are considerably greater
than the estimate (\$10,000) and
a vote will be required for \$6,000
in order to meet expenditure to
the end of the current year.

Expenditure under this sub-head
for the first eight months of this
year shows an increase over the
corresponding period of 1928 of
\$209, of which more than half re-
presents the increased commission
earned by Crown Agents in collect-
ing larger amounts of interest and
dividends which have accrued on
the Colony's increased sterling in-
vestments in London. The remain-
der is due to commission on heavier
purchases of stores, etc., and equip-
ment.

Educating Our Officials.

The higher education of our offi-
cials calls for an extra \$9,000. A
sum of \$4,000 (original estimate
\$24,000) is asked for language
study allowances. An increasing
number of officers is undertaking
the study of Chinese. In the Police
Department the number has in-
creased from 67 to 81.

The Harbour Department asks for
\$5,058. Training expenses of Gov-
ernment Marine Surveyors in Eng-
land, expenses of Assistant Govern-
ment Marine Surveyors in connec-
tion with B.O.T. Training.
This is in addition to \$18,752
already voted.

Smaller Items.

Smaller items include \$600, pur-
chase and upkeep of typewriters
and calculating machines, \$150
burial of destitute dead, \$500 fur-
niture required by Medical Depart-
ment, \$4,500 furniture, for quar-
ters for 6 cadet officers and other
purposes, \$3,780 special expendi-
ture on Praya East Reclamation.
The Government Waterworks work-
shops have stood for many years
on land that has now become part
of the Praya East Reclamation
Scheme. The workshops are being
removed to another site and the
participants of the areas concerned
have agreed to allow Government
lymph has been exhausted as two
to remain in possession until the
28th February, 1930, when the new
building will be ready for occupa-
tion. It had been hoped that it
would have been possible to vacate
the areas before rent became pay-
able, but this hope was not realized.

With regard to \$200, Police Force
rewards. The amount payable for
rewards for special services has
been larger than usual this year
and the vote is now exhausted.
There has been an unusually large
number of detections of returned
banished.

Extra Calves.

The Medical Department under
Bacteriological Institute, Animals
and Fodder needs an extra \$500.
The provision made in Estimates
was \$4,500, but the stock of calf
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Alipore, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.

BOSTON.

Chinese Prince, Furness, Dec. 20.
Urbino, Bank, Dec. 23.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 1.
Larchbank, Bank, Jan. 3.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Royal Prince, Furness, Jan. 16.

BREMEN.

Imar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 23.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.

BRINDISI.

Himalaya, D'well's, Dec. 25.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Jan. 2.

CALCUTTA.

Namsang, Jardine's, Dec. 19.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 23.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.
Talamba, B.I., Jan. 7.
Yucsang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 17.

CEBU.

Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Dec. 20.
Everett, S.S.S., Dec. 22.
Illinois, S.S.S., Jan. 1.

CHEFOO.

Kueichow, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Huichow, B. & S., Dec. 21.

COLOMBO.

Alipore, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Malwa, P. & O., Dec. 21.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Imar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 23.
Ammon, Jensen, Dec. 27.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Himalaya, Dodwell's, Dec. 29.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Jan. 7.
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Oldenburg, Jensen, Jan. 10.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.

COPENHAGEN.

Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.

DALNY.

Saarbruecken, Melchers, Dec. 20.
Yingchow, B. & S., Dec. 23.
Aller, Melchers, Dec. 30.
Coblentz, Melchers, Jan. 17.

DUTCH PORTS.

Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Imar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Canton, Gilman's, Dec. 23.
Patroclus, B.F., Dec. 24.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 26.
Ammon, Jensen, Dec. 27.
Khyber, P. & S., Dec. 28.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Diomed, B.F., Jan. 7.
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.
Oldenburg, Jensen, Jan. 10.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.

FOOCHOW.

Haining, Douglas, Dec. 21.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Dec. 24.
Haining, Douglas, Dec. 25.
Chipping, Jardine's, Jan. 12.

GENOA.

Cyclops, B.F., Dec. 20.
Ichang, B. & S., Dec. 20.
Imar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 26.
Ammon, Jensen, Dec. 27.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Oldenburg, Jensen, Jan. 10.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.

GLASGOW.

Cyclops, B.F., Dec. 20.
Patroclus, B.F., Dec. 24.

GOTHENBURG.

Danmark, Manners, Jan. 3.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Canton, M.M., Dec. 20.
Kalgan, B. & S., Dec. 20.
Chusan, B. & S., Dec. 27.

HAMBURG.

Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Imar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Canton, Gilman's, Dec. 23.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 26.
Ammon, Jensen, Dec. 27.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Diomed, R.F., Jan. 7.
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.
Oldenburg, Jensen, Jan. 10.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.

HAYRE.

Cyclops, B.F., Dec. 20.

HONOLULU.

Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.

ILOILO.

G'den Peak, S.S.S., Dec. 18.
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Dec. 20.
Everett, S.S.S., Dec. 22.
Illinois, S.S.S., Jan. 1.

JAPAN PORTS.

Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.
Panama, Manners, Dec. 20.
Takaoka Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.
Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.
Bellerophon, B.F., Dec. 23.
Hilda, D'well's, Dec. 24.
Khiva, P. & O., Dec. 24.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Dec. 24.
Takada, B.I., Dec. 27.
Ermland, Jensen, Dec. 28.
Aller, Melchers, Dec. 30.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec. 31.
Tathlybius, B.F., Dec. 31.
Glenishane, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 1.
Remo, Dodwell's, Jan. 2.
Mantua, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 7.
Java, Manners, Jan. 9.
Burgeland, Jensen, Jan. 9.
Glenamoy, Jardine's, Jan. 10.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan. 14.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 15.
General Metzing, M.M., Jan. 15.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Jan. 17.
Hosang, Jardine's, Jan. 19.

JAVIA PORTS.

Tjiladak, J.C.J.L., Dec. 21.
Tjilboet, J.C.J.L., Dec. 21.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., Jan. 1.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Jan. 11.
Tjilalak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 14.

LIVERPOOL.

Cyclops, B.F., Dec. 20.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.

LONDON.

Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Malwa, P. & O., Dec. 21.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Patroclus, B.F., Dec. 24.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Diomed, B.F., Jan. 7.
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.

LOS ANGELES.

Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec. 31.
Golden Mountain, S.S.S., Jan. 11.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan. 14.
Bonnevill, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.

MANILA.

Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec. 21.
Everett, S.S.S., Dec. 22.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 26.
Ammon, Jensen, Dec. 27.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Dec. 29.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Dec. 31.
Tjilboet, J.C.J.L., Dec. 31.
St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 3.
Illinois, S.S.S., Jan. 6.
Oldenburg, Jensen, Jan. 10.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Jan. 13.
Taiping, B. & S., Jan. 14.
Tjilalak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 14.

MARSEILLES.

Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Malwa, P. & O., Dec. 21.
Patroclus, B.F., Dec. 24.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 26.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Diomed, B.F., Jan. 7.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.

NAPLES.

Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 23.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.

NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Chinese Prince, Furness, Dec. 20.
Urbino, Bank, Dec. 23.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 1.
Larchbank, Bank, Jan. 3.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Royal Prince, Furness, Jan. 16.

NORTH CHINA.

Panama, Manners, Dec. 20.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Dec. 20/21.
Aller, Melchers, Dec. 30.
Burgeland, Jensen, Jan. 9.
Java, Manners, Jan. 9.
Coblentz, Melchers, Jan. 17.

OSLO.

Canton, Gilman's, Dec. 23.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.

PANAMA.

Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.

PENANG.

Alipore, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Cremer, J.C.J.L., Dec. 19.
Namsang, Jardine's, Dec. 19.
Malwa, P. & O., Dec. 21.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 26.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Yucsang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.
Talamba, B.I., Jan. 7.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 17.

PORTLAND.

Nevada, S.S.S., Dec. 21.
Bonnevill, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Jan. 18.

RABAU.

Bremerhaven, Melchers, Dec. 28.

RANGOON.

Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.

SAIGON.

D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.

SANDAKAN.

Mausang, Jardine's, Dec. 23.
St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 3.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Takaoka Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.
Nevada, S.S.S., Dec. 21.
Golden Sun, S.S.S., Dec. 24.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec. 31.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan. 14.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Bonnevill, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Jan. 18.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS.

Canton, Gilman's, Dec. 23.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.

SEATTLE.

Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Dec. 24.
Tathlybius, B.F., Dec. 31.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 7.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Bonnevill, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.

SHANGHAI.

Linan, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., Dec. 19.
Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.
Panama, Manners, Dec. 20.
Takaoka Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Dec. 20.
Iching, B. & S., Dec. 21.
Khiva, P. & O., Dec. 21.
Fooshing, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Kanchow, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Suiyang, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Bellerophon, B.F., Dec. 23.
Hilda, D'well's, Dec. 24.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Dec. 24.

SHANGHAI—(Continued).

Sunning, B. & S., Dec. 24.
Waishang, Jardine's, Dec. 25.
Yingchow, B. & S., Dec. 25.
Takada, B.I., Dec. 27.
Ermland, Jensen, Dec. 28.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Dec. 28.
Hansang, Jardine's, Dec. 29.
Aller, Melchers, Dec. 30.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec. 31.
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 1.
Yatsing, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Remo, Dodwell's, Jan. 2.
Mantua, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 7.
Java, Manners, Jan. 9.
Burgeland, Jensen, Jan. 9.
Tjiladak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 9.
Glenamoy, Jardine's, Jan. 10.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
Khiva, P. & O., Dec. 24.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan. 14.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Bonnevill, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 15.
General Metzing, M.M., Jan. 15.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Jan. 17.
Coblentz, Melchers, Jan. 17.

SINGAPORE.

Alipore, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Cremer, J.C.J.L., Dec. 19.
Namsang, Jardine's, Dec. 19.
Cyclops, B.F., Dec. 20.
Malwa, P. & O., Dec. 21.
Antung, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Imar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Patroclus, B.F., Dec. 24.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 26.
Ammon, Jensen, Dec. 27.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.
Anhui, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.
Kamakura Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 2.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Yucsang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.
Talamba, B.I., Jan. 7.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Oldenburg, Jensen, Jan. 10.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 17.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

Kamakura Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 2.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

Kamakura Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 2.

SWATOW.

Kueichow, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Linan, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Haining, Douglas, Dec. 21.
Iching, B. & S., Dec. 21.
Antung, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Fooshing, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Hiram, Thoresen, Dec. 22.
Klungchow, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Suway, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Tjilboet, J.C.J.L., Dec. 23.
Sunning, B. & S., Dec. 24.
Haining, Douglas, Dec. 25.
Waishang, Jardine's, Dec. 25.
Anhui, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Hansang, Jardine's, Dec. 29.
Hellas, Thoresen, Dec. 29.
Kiangsu, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Yatsing, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Tjilalak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 6.

TIENTSIN.

Kueichow, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Dec. 24.
Huichow, B. & S., Dec. 31.
Chipping, Jardine's, Jan. 12.

TRIESTE AND VENICE.

Himalaya, D'well's, Dec. 25.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Jan. 2.

TSINGTAO.

Fooshing, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Suiyang, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Sunning, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Waishang, Jardine's, Dec. 25.
Hansang, Jardine's, Dec. 29.
Yatsing, Jardine's, Jan. 1.

VANCOUVER, B.C.

Danbyville, B.F., Dec. 31.
Thalysbius, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 15.

VICTORIA, B.C.

Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Dec. 24.
Tathlybius, B.F., Dec. 31.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 7.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 15.

VLADIVOSTOK.

Glenishane, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Glenamoy, Jardine's, Jan. 10.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Jan. 17.

WEIHAIWEI.

Kueichow, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Dec. 24.
Huichow, B. & S., Dec. 31.
Chipping, Jardine's, Jan. 12.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS AND MOVEMENTS.

Aki Maru due from Manila Dec. 10.
Akita Maru due from Japan Dec. 28.

Alipore arrived from Shanghai Dec. 18.
Aller due from Europe Dec. 30.

Altai Maru due from Japan Jan. 8.
Ammon due from Shanghai Dec. 23.

Angers arrived from Saigon Dec. 18.
Antenor due from Shanghai Jan. 22.

Antiochus due from Shanghai Jan. 20.
Augsburg due from Shanghai Jan. 18.

Awa Maru due from Japan Jan. 10.
Bellerophon due from Europe Dec. 27.

Beltana arrived from Shanghai Dec. 18.
Bengal Maru, due from Japan Dec. 27.

Bingo Maru arrived from Singapore Dec. 18.
Bronxville due from Europe Jan. 18.

Burgeland due from Europe Jan. 6.
Canton due from Shanghai Dec. 20.

Chinese Prince due from Shanghai Dec. 20.
City of Durham arrived from Europe Dec. 18.

City of Hereford due from Europe Jan. 15.
City of Kobe due from Europe Jan. 12.

City of Salisbury due from New York Jan. 29.
Coblentz due from Europe Jan. 17.

Cremer arrived from Swatow Dec. 18.
Cyclops due from Japan Dec. 20.

D'Artagnan due from Shanghai Jan. 30.
Delagoa Maru due from Singapore Dec. 21.

Demodocus due from Europe Dec. 31.
Diomed due from Shanghai Jan. 7.

Dolius due from Europe Jan. 3.<

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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KINGHONG"	On 22nd Dec.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 24th Dec.	Daylight
AMOI, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"YINGHONG"	On 24th Dec.	3 p.m.
HONGKONG & HAKKAI	"KALGAN"	On 26th Dec.	11 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"OHUSAN"	On 27th Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 28th Dec.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KIANGSU"	On 29th Dec.	10 a.m.
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DECEMBER 17, 1929.													DECEMBER 18, 1929.												
STATION	HONG KONG TIME	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	WIND		WATERS (Clouds)	HONG KONG TIME	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	WIND		WATERS (Clouds)									
		Inches	Millis.			Direction	Force (Scale-10)			Inches	Millis.			Direction	Force (Scale-10)										
Wladivostok...	12	29.88	758.8	26	...	...	0	a	6	30.24	768.0	3	...	NE	4	b									
Namuro	11	29.86	758.3	...	...	...	0	...	5	29.65	750.5	...	...	WSW	1	a									
Hokodate	"	29.78	756.5	...	...	S	0	...	...	29.78	756.5	...	...	W	1	a									
Tokio	"	29.92	760.0	...	...	...	0	...	...	29.80	757.0	...	...	...	0	1									
Kochi	"	29.92	760.0	...	...	...	0	...	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	SW	1	...									
Nagasaki	"	29.94	760.5	...	...	WNW	1	...	...	30.06	763.5	...	...	WNW	1	1									
Kagoshima	"	29.92	760.0	...	...	...	0	...	...	30.02	762.5	...	...	NW	1	1									
Oshima	"	29.96	761.0	...	...	...	0	...	...	30.06	763.5	...	...	N	2	3									
Naha	"	29.98	761.5	...	...	WSW	4	...	...	30.08	764.0	...	...	N	3	2									
Ishigakijima	"	30.04	763.0	...	...	N	2	...	...	30.06	763.5	...	...	ENE	3	0									
Bonin Island	"	29.98	761.0	...	...	NW	1	...	...	29.96	761.0	...	...	...	0	...									
Chefoo	15	30.49	774.4	24	100	NW	6	r	6	30.44	773.2	24	87	NNE	4	o									
Shanghai	14	30.26	768.6	45	78	NW	4	r	6	30.30	769.5	39	87	N	2	o									
Gutzlaff	"	30.27	768.8	44	76	NNW	4	r	7	30.29	769.3	46	85	NNE	4	o									
Sharp Peak	"	30.07	768.8	69	92	ENE	4	o	6	30.12	765.0	58	88	ENE	1	o									
Amoy	"	29.98	761.5	69	91	ENE	4	o	6	30.11	764.8	60	90	ENE	6	o									
Swatow	"	29.94	760.5	71	90	E	2	o	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...									
Taihou	11	30.07	763.8	77	68	ESE	2	o	5	30.11	764.7	63	94	E	2	o									
Taihu	"	30.04	762.9	79	...	NNW	2	b	...	30.06	763.5	64	...	NNE	2	o									
Taiwan	"	30.01	762.8	82	...	NNW	2	b	...	30.02	762.6	66	...	NNE	2	o									
Koshun	"	30.01	762.3	82	...	E	2	b	...	30.02	762.6	72	...	NNE	2	o									
Pescadores	"	30.04	762.9	75	...	NNE	2	o	...	30.04	762.9	68	...	NNE	6	o									
Hong Kong	14	29.96	761.0	67	35	W	4	or	6	30.00	762.0	67	90	E	4	o									
Gap Rock	"	29.96	761.0	...	...	NW	4	o	...	29.99	761.7	...	...	ENE	4	o									
Macao	"	29.94	760.5	63	36	NNW	4	of	...	29.98	761.4	61	95	N	2	o									
Hoihow	"	29.88	758.9	84	73	SSE	1	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...									
Pratas Island...	"	29.84	760.5	79	73	ENE	1	b	...	29.98	761.5	74	89	ENE	3	o									
Phulien	15	29.85	758.2	75	85	E	6	o	7	29.88	759.0	70	91	ESE	6	o									
Tourane	"	29.84	757.8	79	...	S	2	o	...	29.91	759.6	72	...	S	4	o									
Cape St. James	"	...	...	...	...	SE	4	...	...	29.86	758.4	72	...	NE	4	o									
Basco	14	29.91	759.6	82	70	SE	4	b	6	29.98	761.4	72	92	SSW	2	o									
Aparri	"	29.87	758.7	84	64	ENE	4	b	...	29.95	760.8	68	94	S	2	o									
Tuguegarao	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.94	760.5	64	96	...	0	o									
Vigan	"	29.84	757.8	82	67	WNW	4	b	...	29.87	758.7	70	92	NW	2	o									
Manila	"	29.85	758.1	86	58	NE	2	b	...	29.88	759.0	72	94	NE	2	o									
Legaspi	"	29.82	757.5	86	58	NE	2	b	...	29.84	757.8	77	91	NNE	2	o									
Calbayog	"	29.81	757.2	82	74	SSW	4	o	...	29.85	758.1	73	91	NNE	2	o									
Tacoloban	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.85	758.1	72	91	NW	4	o									
Iloilo	"	29.80	756.9	86	58	NE	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...									
Cebu	"	29.79	756.6	84	60	NE	4	o	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...									
Surigao	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.80	756.9	75	...	NE	3	o									
Saipan	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...									
Guam	12.22	29.76	756.0	...	...	SE	4	r	4.22	29.76	756.0	...	...	NE	2	o									
Yap	11.00	29.74	755.4	...	...	ENE	4	o	5	29.76	756.0	...	...	NE	2	o									
Pelew	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.76	756.0	...	...	ENE	1	o									
Ponape	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.73	755.1	79	...	ESE	2	o									
Labuan	14	29.81	757.2	84	68	N	2	b	6	29.73	755.1	82	83	NE	4	o									

December 18d. 10h. 47m.—The anticyclone over N. China has weakened slightly. The depression has deepened and into the Pacific.

Fresh monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.11 inch. Total since January 1, 69.51 inches, against an average of 82.62 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 19.

District.	Forecast.
1.—Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, fresh; overcast, at first finer later.
2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamocks	
3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock	
4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan	

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 19

Previous Day	On Date	On Date
at 4 p.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 4 p.m.
Barometer... 29.95	30.07	29.94
Thermometer... 69	67	67
Humidity... 95	89	90
Wind—		
Direction... E	E	E
Force... 2	0	4
Weather... OF	O	OD
Rain... 0.10	0.10	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 17.72

Lowest open-air Temperature, 18.67

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 19 to 25, 1929.

Days of Week	Date	High Water.		Low Water.	
		Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
Thurs.	19	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		1 44	4 4	5 54	0 2
Fri.	20	10 53	4 5	5 15	0 7
		2 5	4 3	6 48	0 6
Sat.	21	11 14	4 7	5 1	3 9
		3 4	4 4	5 16	4 1
Sun.	22	0 19	7 2	8 43	1 4
		4 0	4 5	7 1	4 3
Mon.	23	2 38	6 5	9 16	1 9
		4 50	4 9	9 16	4 3
Tues.	24	4 1	15 8	10 24	2 3
		6 53	5 4	11 41	2 3
Wed.	25	5 23	15 3	11 21	2 7
		6 9	6 8	...	...

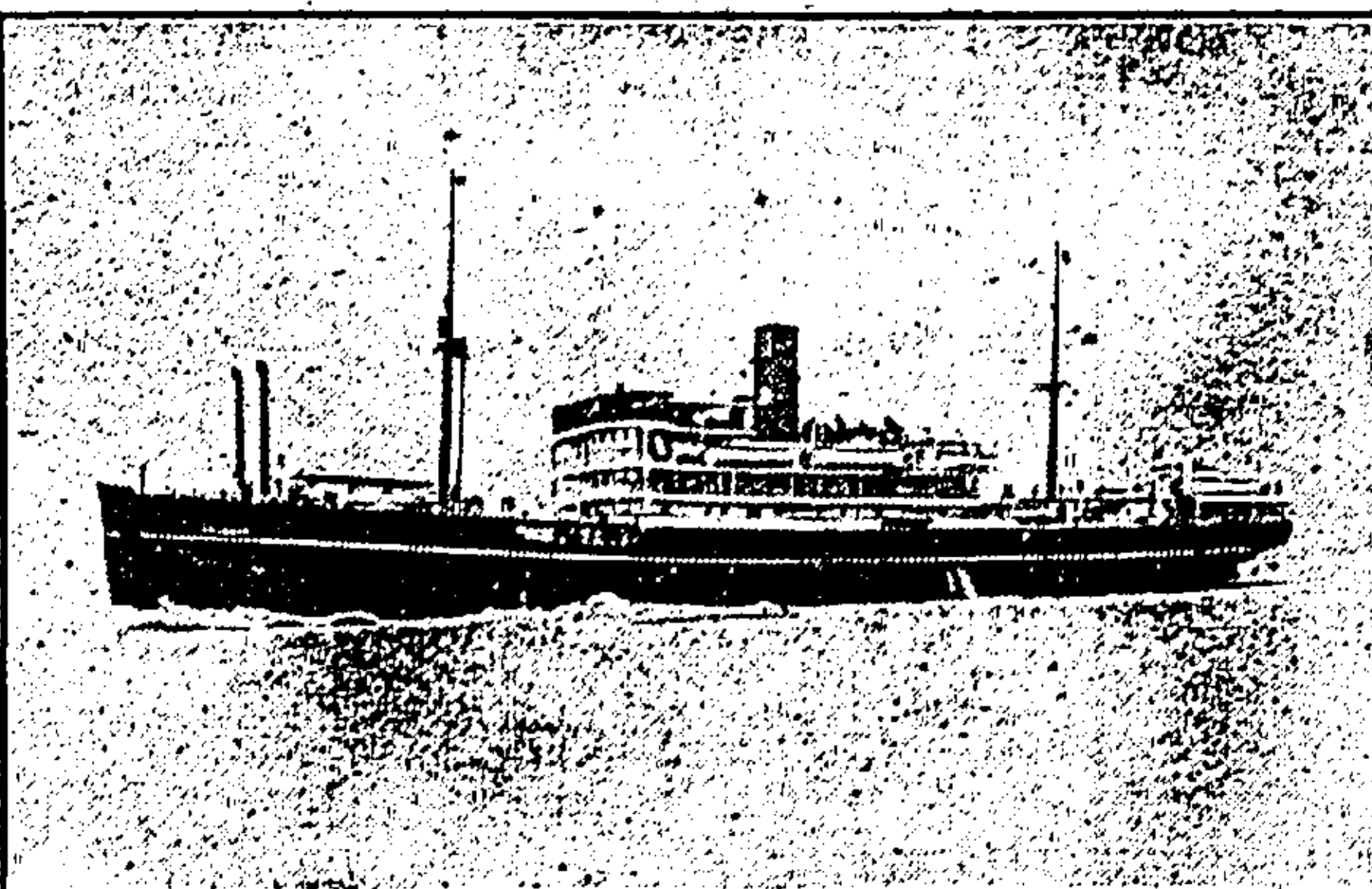
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To	STEAMSHIP	DATE
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OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG" "HOSANG"	Wed., 1st Jan., at 7 a.m. Sun., 19th Jan., at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG" "KUTSANG" "YUENSANG" "SUISANG"	Fri., 20th Dec., at 3 p.m. Sat., 23rd Dec., at 3 p.m. Mon., 6th Jan., at 3 p.m. Fri., 17th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG" "HINSANG"	Satur., 23rd Dec., at 3 p.m. Mon., 6th Jan., at Noon
TIENTSIN via FOCHOW & WEI-HAI-WEI	"CHONGSHING" "CHIFSHING"	Wed., 25th Dec., at 7 a.m. Sun., 12th Jan., at 7 a.m.

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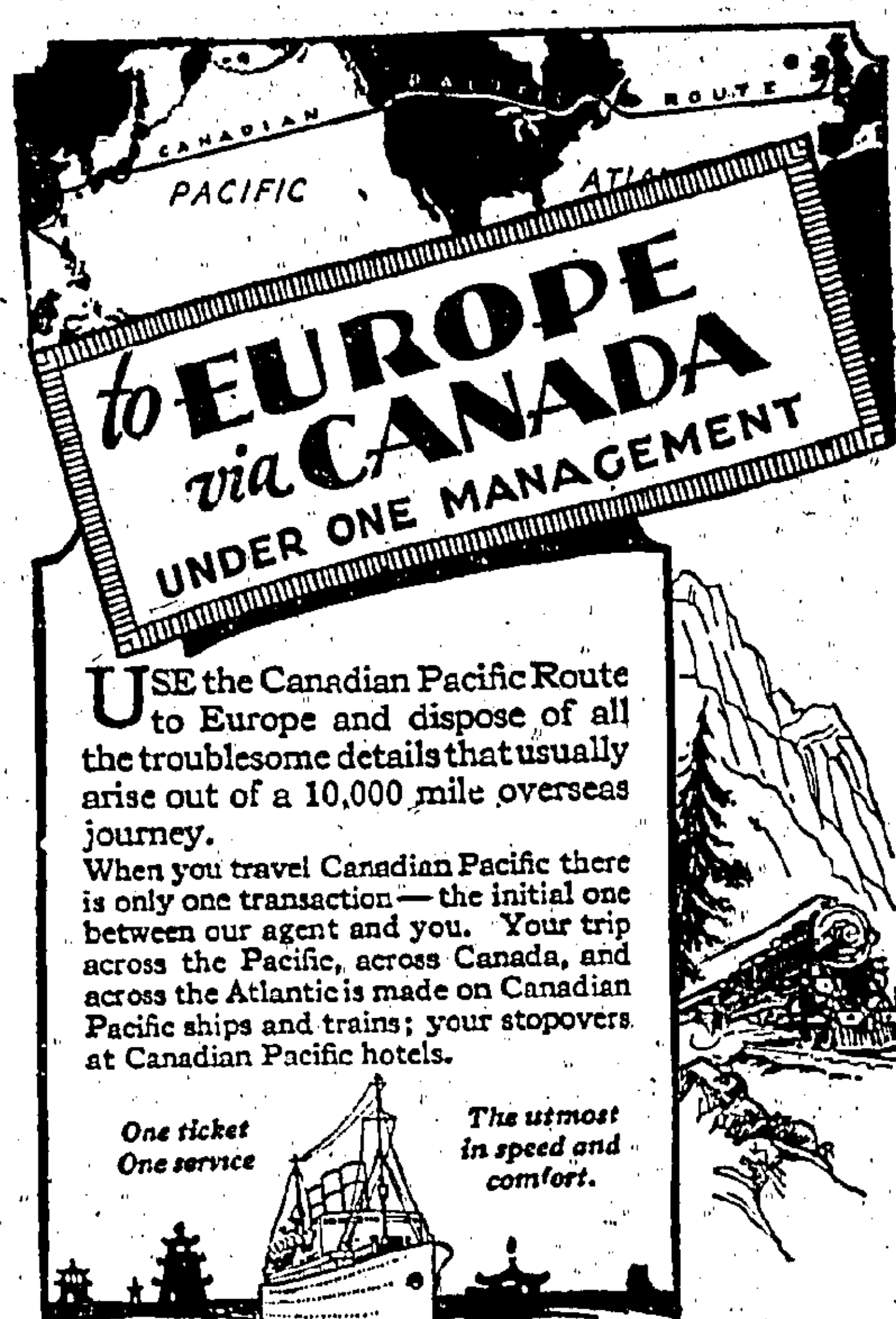
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IYO MARU	Tuesday, 28th Jan.
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SUWA MARU	Saturday, 28th Dec.
FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday, 11th Jan.
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TANGO MARU	Wednesday, 25th Dec.
AKI MARU	Wednesday, 22nd Jan.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.	
TOTTORI MARU	Friday, 27th Dec.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,	
Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	
ANYO MARU	Sunday, 22nd Dec.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape	
Town & Ports.	
KAMAKURA MARU	Thursday, 2nd Jan.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via PANAMA.	
TATSUNO MARU	Tuesday, 14th Jan.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa &	
Marseilles.	
DURBAN MARU	Friday, 10th Jan.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 8,600 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO 23,500 TONS.

Cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:—

British	Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports
Foehsing, Canton	50	1,100
Hydrangen, Swatow	140	—
Borneo, Haiphong	2,000	—
	2,190	1,100
American		
Archer, Baltimore	—	7,660
	—	7,660
French		
Athos II, Yokohama	—	1,060
	—	1,060
German		
Bremerhaven, Rabel	950	—
	950	—
Dutch		
Tikembang, Java Ports	2,710	5,300
Cremor, Amoy	—	1,650
	2,710	6,950
Norwegian		
Taiyang, Manila	60	2,830
Dux, Bangkok	1,020	—
	1,080	2,830
Japanese		
Bingo Maru, Buenos Aires	160	2,590
Celebes Maru, Yokohama	470	3,570
Canton Maru, Keelung	950	—
	1,630	6,160
Chinese		
Tak Hing, Macao	50	—
	50	—
Total	8,610	23,500

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

British	Arr.	Dep.
American	3	7
French	1	2
Dutch	2	1
German	1	0
Norwegian	2	1
Japanese	4	3
Chinese	1	2
Total	16	19

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Hydrangen (Br.) Swatow	216
Borneo (Br.) Haiphong	80
Athos II. (Fr.) Yokohama	—
Shanghai (Dutch) Jaya	41
Tikembang (Dutch) Java	417
Ports	—
Cremor (Dutch) Amoy, Swatow	1,091
Dux (Nor.) Bangkok	11
Canton Maru (Jap.) Keelung, Swatow	178
Total	2,634

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

NEW BRITISH ARRIVAL.

Arriving with a cargo of 8,000 tons of fuel oil from San Pedro and Yokohama the m.s. Athel Prince paid her first visit to this port. The vessel is owned by The United Molasses Co. and the local agents are The Pure Cane Molasses Co. She was built in 1928 by the Furness S.B. Co. of Haverton-Hill-on-Tees, with a net tonnage of 3,144 tons and gross, 8,782 tons. Her oil engines which develop 708 h.p. were installed by Messrs. J. G. Kincaid & Co., Ltd. She is a twin-screw vessel and her dimensions are:—Length 471.2, beam 62.4 and depth 35.3. She is commanded by Captain A. S. Hawker with a European crew of 43 and is now lying at the A.P.C. wharf, North Point.

A Good Voyage.

Captain C. Goebber of the s.s. Havelland, which arrived here yesterday from Hamburg, via ports, states that no heavy weather was encountered during the voyage. After leaving Singapore they met with light North East Monsoon.

Marine Court Cases.

Three hawkers were fined \$5 each by Mr. T. W. H. Hosegood, at the Marine Court yesterday for hawking without licenses on board the s.s. Tijssora.

Passengers Traffic Figures.

The passenger traffic figures for the ending December 14 are issued at the Harbour Office as under:—

Ocean going steamers	12,749	11,700
River steamers	29,784	2,800
Junks, etc.	698	839
Total	43,231	38,895

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following ships were in harbour yesterday:—

Wharves.—Kowloon: Ceylon Maru, Emp. of Asia, Havelland, Celebes Maru; Chiu On: Hydrangen; Socony—Laichikok; Standard Arrow; O.S.K.: Deli Maru, Canton Maru.
Docks.—Kowloon: Tai Lee, Sut Tai, Kut Sang, Hang Sang, Argonauta, Venetia, Ping Ching; Taikoo: Taishan, Sinkiang, Kiangsu, Seang Bee, Taiyo Maru.
Buoys.—Al Alipore, A2 Anyo Maru, A3 Bingo Maru, A4 Tjssora, A5 Tallyho, B7 Tuen Lee, B9 Archer, A10 Kwangchow, B11 Suizang, B12 Kwangchow, B13 Shansi, C16 Hiram, B21 Chennan, A24 Cremor, A20 Belma, B32 Foehsing, C35 Halvard, C37 Kueichow, B38 Song Bo, C39 Bremerhaven, C40 Prominent, C41 Haldis, C43 Dux, C45 Borneo, C46 Kronviken, B51 Strohhaken.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in port yesterday:—

Basin.—Tamar, Petersfield, Marazion, Cornflower, Magnolia.
North Arm.—Somme.
West Wall.—Kent.
In Dock.—Thracian, Sepoy, Seraph.
No. 4 buoy.—Herald.
No. 5 buoy.—Hermes.
No. 6 buoy.—Cornwall.
No. 7 buoy.—Iroquois.
No. 12 buoy.—Sirdar.
Foreign Men of War.—Chinese gunboat Yuan Tsai; French gunboat Argus.

ARRIVALS.

December 17.

Athel Prince, British str., 3,144 tons, Capt. E. E. Hawker, from Yokohama, A.P.C. Wharf.—P. C. Molasses & Co.

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Alipore, British str., 3,241 tons, Capt. E. E. Dawson, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1.—P. & O.

Antung, British str., 2,107 tons, Capt. J. A. McCulloch, from Amoy, buoy No. B47.—B. & S. Archer, American str., 4,872 tons, Capt. W. L. Saffeldt, from Manila, buoy No. A10.—L. Everett, Inc.

Beltana, British str., 6,915 tons, Capt. R. C. Dene, from Shanghai, buoy No. A29.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Bingo Maru, Japanese str., 3,723 tons, Capt. J. Yamada, from Singapore, buoy No. A3.—N.Y.K.

Canton Maru, Japanese str., 1,647 tons, Capt. I. Iwasaki, from Keelung, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Celebes Maru, Japanese str., 4,293 tons, Capt. J. Itow, from Moji, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Cremor, Dutch str., 2,784 tons, Capt. G. J. Harmsen, from Swatow, buoy No. A24.—J.C.I.L.

Cheong Shing, 1,253 tons, Capt. J. H. Ferguson, from Weihaiwei, buoy No. C33.—J. M. & Co.

Dux, Norwegian str., 791 tons, Capt. Johan Sorlie, from Bangkok, buoy No. C45.—Thoresen & Co.

Foo Shing, British str., 1,433 tons, Capt. W. Allen Balch, from Canton, buoy No. B32.—J. M. & Co.

Havelland, German m.s., 3,836 tons, Capt. C. Goebber, from Hamburg, Kowloon Wharf.—Jebson & Co.

Hydrangen, British str., 561 tons, Capt. P. W. Grierson, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Kueichow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Canton, buoy No. C37.—B. & S.

Shansi, British str., 1,223 tons, Capt. W. W. Richards, from Canton, buoy No. C15.—B. & S.

Suizang, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. F. W. Potter, from Swatow, buoy B12.—B. & S.

Tikembang, Dutch str., 5,025 tons, Capt. J. J. Duit, from Tg. Pandan, buoy No. A5.—J.C.I.L.

CLEARANCES

December 18.

Alipore, for Singapore.
Argonauta, for Tarakan.
Athel Prince, for Sourabaya.
Beltana, for Singapore.
Bingo Maru, for Moji.
Celebes Maru, for Singapore.
Chennan, for Amoy.
Cremor, for Singapore.
Havelland, for Takao.
Kronviken, for Tientsin.
Kueichow, for Swatow.
Kwangchow, for Hoihow.
Meikal Maru, for Panama.
Wing Lee, for K. C. Wan.
Shansi, for K. C. Wan.
Sui Yang, for Canton.
Tikembang, for Amoy.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived here by the s.s. Bingo Maru, from Singapore, yesterday:—Mrs. Ella Herman, Mr. and Mrs. Oei Jiong Tiong, Mr. Masaru Ohashi, Mr. L. E. d'Am, Mr. Chan Sain Young, Mr. C. E. Myers, Mr. W. M. Reid, Mrs. C. E. Reid, and Mr. M. Kitamura.

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"BRITANA"	—	19th Dec. Noon	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'g, B'dm. & Straits, Colombo & B'g. [A'warp]
"ALIPORE"	5,473	19th Dec. 4 p.m.	Marselles and London.
"MALWA"	10,880	21st Dec. Noon	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'g, B'dm. & [A'warp]
"KHYBER"	9,114	25th Dec. 1930	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'g, B'dm. & [A'warp]
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	4th Jan.	B'g, Mars, & L'don.
"LABORE"	8,304	11th Jan. [Mars]	L'don, Hull, B'g, B'dm. & A'warp.
"KHYA"	9,138	18th Jan.	Mars, London, B'dm. & A'warp.
"MIRZAPUR"	6,718	22nd Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	25th Jan. [Mars]	L'don, Hull, B'g, B'dm. & A'warp.
"MANTUA"	10,946	1st Feb.	Bombay, Marselles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	15th Feb.	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'g, B'dm. & A'warp.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	18th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	1st Mar.	Marselles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,886	8th Mar. [Mars]	L'don, Hull, B'g, B'dm. & A'warp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	14th Mar.	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'g, B'dm. & A'warp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	21st Mar.	Bombay, Marselles and London.
"KASHGAR"	8,006	10th Apr.	Mars, L'don, B'dm. & A'warp.
"MANTUA"	10,946	24th Apr.	Bombay, Marselles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	31st May [Mars]	L'don, Hull, B'g, B'dm. & A'warp.
"KHYA"	9,138	7th June	Marselles & London.
"RANPURA"	16,601	21st June	Bombay, Marselles & London.

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"TALMA"	10,000	28th Jan.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,006	28th Jan.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,241	8th Feb.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,838	18th Feb.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,006	3rd Mar.	do.

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"KHYA"	9,138	21st Dec. 5 p.m.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MIRZAPUR"	6,718	24th Dec.	Moji & Kobe.
"TARADA"	6,949	27th Dec. 1930	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MANTUA"	10,946	3rd Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NELLORE"	6,853	7th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	7th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,128	17th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SHIRALA"	7,241	19th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KASHMIR"	8,886	24th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"TAKLIWA"	7,838	25th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	31st Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,856	4th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,006	10th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KALYAN"	9,144	14th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	21st Feb.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,880	14th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'ama.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	21st Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	10th Apr.	do.
"KASHGAR"	8,006	10th Apr.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,946	24th Apr.	do.
"KHYA"	9,138	6th May	do.
"RANPURA"	16,601	23rd May	do.
"KARMALA"	9,128	6th June	do.
"MOREA"	10,854	20th June	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	3rd July	Shanghai, Kobe & Y'ama.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	18th July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,886	31st July	do.
"MANTUA"	10,946	16th Aug.	do.
"KASHGAR"	8,006	28th Aug.	do.
"MALWA"	10,880	12th Sept.	do.
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